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URGENT 5-10-62 6-15 PM MST RAR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/, SACS DALLAS /58-188/, SAN ANTONIO
/87-5025/, AND WFO /87-8242/

FROM SAC, EL PASO /58-59/ 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, COI, OO DALLAS. RE WFO TEL TO THE
DIRECTOR AND SACS DALLAS AND EL PASO DATED MAY TEN INSTANT.

ON INSTANT DATE [REDACTED] POSTAL INSPECTORS OFFICE, EL PASO,
ADVISED THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORD OF REGISTERED PARCEL POST PACKAGE
SENT FROM [REDACTED] VIRGINIA. [REDACTED]

ADVISED IF PACKAGE WAS INSURED, RECEIVING OFFICE WOULD HAVE COPY OF
RECEIPT SIGNED BY PERSON RECEIVING PACKAGE BUT NO RECORD WOULD BE KEPT
EL PASO. HE ADVISED IF PACKAGE SENT MERELY PARCEL POST NO RECORD BE
MAINTAINED.

REGARDING LEAD TO CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE
EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION BY IRS REGARDING ESTES FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
REGARDING GRAIN WAREHOUSING ACTIVITIES, SPECIAL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IRS, EL PASO, ADVISED THAT INVESTIGATION REGARDING ESTES
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS WAS CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IRS, HOUSTON, TEXAS. HE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] IS PRESENTLY

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IN AUSTIN TEXAS, AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH GEORGE STEPHEN, CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, IRS, AUSTIN.

FOR INFORMATION OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE, REFERENCED TEL ADVISED THAT INQUIRY THIS DATE WITH OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL /GC/, USDA, DETERMINED THAT VOLUMINOUS RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE CONCERNING ESTES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FURNISHED USDA REGARDING GRAIN WAREHOUSE ACTIVITIES. RECORDS CONSIST OF CONTRACTS, APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL AS WAREHOUSEMEN, FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS. USDA BEGAN INVESTIGATION RE ACCURACY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS , BUT DISCONTINUED WHEN ADVISED BY [REDACTED] UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE /USDJ/ ATTORNEY TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION AND HE WOULD HAVE FBI CONDUCT INVESTIGATION. GC, USDA, ALSO UNDERSTANDS FROM NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND EITHER THROUGH [REDACTED] EL PASO, TEXAS, [REDACTED] ESTES ESTATE OR FROM HIS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] THAT INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE /IRS/ ALSO CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION OF ESTES FINANCIAL MATTERS.

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DALLAS, WILL CONSIDER CHECKING RECORDS OF POST OFFICE AT DALLAS
TO DETERMINE IF PARCEL POST PACKAGE SENT FROM DALLAS SEVERAL DAYS
PRIOR TO OCTOBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE BY [REDACTED] AT

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[REDACTED] VIRGINIA INASMUCH AS
REFERENCED TEL SETS OUT THAT [REDACTED] ADVISED RECEIVED PACKAGE IN
MAIL ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY ONE CONTAINING SIX SHIRTS
AND TO BEST OF HIS MEMORY PACKAGE WAS MAILED BY A [REDACTED] OF
DALLAS, TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, WILL CONTACT [REDACTED] THROUGH
GEORGE STEPHEN, CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, IRS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND
CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF INVESTIGATION
BY IRS REGARDING ESTES FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, REGARDING GRAIN
WAREHOUSING ACTIVITIES. FOR INFORMATION SAN ANTONIO BUREAU HAS
ADVISED THAT THESE LEADS SHOULD BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY, AND SUTEL
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URGENT 5-14-62 7-00 PM VBR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704, SAC, DALLAS 58-118 AND
SAC, SAN ANTONIO 87-5025

FROM SAC, HOUSTON 58-111 4P

BILLIE SOL ESTES. ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE TO HOUSTON DATED MAY TWELVE LAST,
BUREAU TELETYPE TO HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO DATED
MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT.

CONTACT WITH TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY, BRYAN, TEXAS, WHICH COVERS ROBERTSON COUNTY, ADVISED
NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED REGARDING DEATH OF HENRY H. MARSHALL.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BRYAN, CONTACTED DPS OFFICER, HEARNE,
TEXAS, AND WAS TOLD NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY HIM AS TO THE
DEATH OF MARSHALL. [REDACTED] CALLAWAY DASH
JONES FUNERAL HOME, BRYAN, INFORMED AT TIME HE PICKED UP
MARSHALL-S BODY FROM RIDDLE FUNERAL HOME, HEARNE, TEXAS, BODY
FULLY CLOTHED. HE WAS ADVISED CAUSE OF DEATH WAS FACT
MARSHALL HAD SHOT HIMSELF. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED HE CONTACTED
JUSTICE OF PEACE [REDACTED] AS TO VERDICT REGARDING DEATH
OF MARSHALL AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] REPLIED THAT HE QUOTE WAS
TOLD BY THE SHERIFF THAT IT WAS SUICIDE END QUOTE AND QUOTE
IT SURE LOOKED LIKE IT END QUOTE. [REDACTED] THERE
WAS NO HASTE NECESSARY IN RETURNING VERDICT OF DEATH. [REDACTED]
THEN PROMISED HE WOULD WITHHOLD VERDICT OF SUICIDE PENDING
INVESTIGATION. [REDACTED] THEN INFORMED [REDACTED]
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WOULD PREPARE DEATH CERTIFICATE IN PROPER FORM AND WOULD
REMOVE SUICIDE VERDICT AND MAIL TO [REDACTED] SEVERAL DAYS
LATER [REDACTED] RECEIVED IN MAIL DEATH CERTIFICATE FROM [REDACTED] WHEREIN
VERDICT WAS SUICIDE. HE RECONTACTED [REDACTED] WHO INFORMED HIM
HE CONTACTED SHERIFF HOWARD STEGALL WHO TOLD HIM THAT QUOTE
IT HAD TO BE SUICIDE END QUOTE AND THEN WENT OVER THE
EVIDENCE INDICATING SUCH AFTER WHICH [REDACTED] WAS CONVINCED
IT WAS SUICIDE. [REDACTED] BRYAN, WHO EXAMINED
BODY AT FUNERAL HOME, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DECLINED PERMISSION FOR AUTOPSY. [REDACTED]

X DASH RAY DEPARTMENT, ST. JOSEPH-S HOSPITAL, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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ATTENTION OF BUREAU AND SAN ANTONIO DIRECTED TO HOUSTON
TELETYPE MAY ONE LAST CAPTIONED QUOTE HENRY HARVEY MARSHALL.
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER END QUOTE, CONTAINING RESULTS
OF CONTACT WITH [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ASCS, USDA, COLLEGE STATION DASH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CHIEF PRODUCTION ADJUSTMENT DASH

[REDACTED] IN BRIEF THESE OFFICIALS

STATED ON MAY ONE LAST THERE IS QUESTION WHETHER MARSHALL
COMMITTED SUICIDE. THEY STATE THAT THEY HAVE NO REASON
TO BELIEVE DEATH HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH OFFICIAL DUTIES.
OFFICIALS CLAIM HE WAS IN ILL HEALTH AND HAD SEVERE HEART
ATTACK SEPTEMBER, FIFTY NINE.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, /29-28704/ ATTN. GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIV.

FROM SAC, EL PASO /29-351/ 2 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET. AL., ITSP - MF, CONSPIRACY.

TRANSCRIPT OF BILLIE SOL ESTES ACCOUNT IN THE FIRST NATIONAL
BANK OF PECOS --

TRANSCRIPT OF THIS ACCOUNT MICROFILMED AND MICROFILM FORWARDED
TO BUREAU REGISTERED AMSD MAY NINE INSTANT. BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO
HAVE THE FBI LAB MAKE AT LEAST FOUR COPIES OF THIS TRANSCRIPT AS
QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ONE COPY FOR BUREAU, ONE FOR DEPARTMENT,
ONE FOR EL PASO, AND ONE FOR DALLAS. THIS TRANSCRIPT CONSISTS ONLY
OF MICROFILMS OF LEDGER SHEETS. THERE ARE ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT
LEDGER SHEETS AND EACH SHEET CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED ITEMS
FOR AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF THIRTYTHREE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED ITEMS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROBLEMS WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED FROM
THIS TRANSCRIPT, [REDACTED] ESTES [REDACTED] BILLIE
SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES, PECOS, TEXAS, ADVISED SA [REDACTED] MAY
NINE INSTANT, THAT AMONG THE NUMEROUS ACCOUNTS ESTES HAD WERE HIS
"DRAWING ACCOUNT" AND HIS "CONTRACT LABOR ACCOUNT." MANY OF THE
TRANSACTIONS IN BOTH OF THESE ACCOUNTS ARE UNSUPPORTED BY VOUCHERS

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OR EXPLANATIONS OF THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF A CHECK DRAWN TO CASH. [] SAID IT WAS A COMMON PRACTICE FOR ESTES TO DRAW A CHECK, OFTEN IN A LARGE AMMOUNT, TO CASH, CHARGE THE CHECK TO EITHER OF ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOUNTS AND MAKE NO ACCOUNTING OR EXPLANATION WHATEVER. HE CONTINUED THAT THE TOTAL CHARGES ON THE "DRAWING ACCOUNT" FOR NINETEEN SIXTYONE WERE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTYONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTYSIX DOLLARS AND FORTYFOUR CENTS. WHILE THERE ARE MANY VOUCHERS IN THIS ACCOUNT IN A TREMENDOUS NUMBER OF INSTANCES, THERE IS NO ACCOUNTING WHATEVER. ESTES WOULD SIMPLY DRAW A CHECK TO CASH, CHARGE IT TO THE "DRAWING ACCOUNT" AND POCKET THE PROCEEDS FOR WHATEVER USE HE SAW FIT. LABORATORY IS REQUESTED TO DEVELOP AND PRINT THE MICROFILM OF THE ACCOUNT BEACUSE EL PASO HAS NO FACILITIES FOR DEVELOPING AND PRINTING THIS MATERIAL AND IT DOES NOT APPEAR THERE ANY FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

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DALLAS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

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*Benjamin
Thompson*

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URGENT 5-10-62 7-38 PM CST FLL
TO DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTENTION GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION,

AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM SAC DALLAS /58-188/ 4 XXX EP
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA. ET AL. BRIBERY, COI.

RE WASHINGTON FIELD AND BUTELS TODAY.

IRS REPRESENTATIVE, DALLAS, ADVISES BECAME INTERESTED
IN ESTES AFFAIRS IN SIXTYONE AFTER LEARNING ESTES FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS SHOWED VASTLY INCREASING NET WORTH, WHEREAS TAX
RETURNS WERE SHOWING SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES. STATES J. M. COONER,
CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, DALLAS, IN WEST TEXAS CURRENTLY
CONCERNING ESTES AFFAIRS, EXACT NATURE AND EXTENT OF CONTEMPLATED
IRS INVESTIGATION NOT KNOWN TO DALLAS REPRESENTATIVE. STATES
GEORGE STEPHENS, CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, AUSTIN, LIKEWISE
CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION, EXTENT NOT KNOWN. NOTED ESTES PERSONAL
RETURNS FILED IN IRS AUSTIN DISTRICT AS WELL AS RETURNS NUMEROUS
ENTERPRISES.

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J. M. COONER LOCATED LUBBOCK TEXAS, CONFIRMED IRS AUSTIN CHECKING ESTES AND ASSOCIATES, PECOS, TEXAS, AND HE, COONER, "TAKING LOOK" CURRENTLY AT RETURNS, NO EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION NOW, IN PLANNING STAGE, AND CANNOT NOW TELL EXTENT AND SCOPE WHICH WILL DEPEND ON HOW RETURNS LOOK. STATES WILL POSSIBLY BE IN BETTER POSITION TO ADVISE ON RETURN TO DALLAS MONDAY NEXT.

SAN ANTONIO REQUESTED TELEPHONICALLY TO CONTACT IRS AUSTIN AND SUTEL BUREAU AND WASHINGTON FIELD.

FIGURES OBTAINED TODAY FROM USDA, DALLAS, AS TO PAYMENTS MADE TO COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION UNDER ASSIGNMENTS FROM ESTES AS WELL AS TO OTHER ASSIGNEES FOR GRAIN PAYMENTS ESTES AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES. DISCREPANCY OF THREE ZERO SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN THREE DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS NOTED BETWEEN USDA FIGURES AND THOSE FURNISHED BY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION TO NEW YORK AGENTS, THE CSC FIGURE BEING LARGER. CHIEF, FISCAL, DIV, USDA UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR DISCREPANCY UNLESS ESTES HAS ASSIGNED COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION PAYMENTS FOR STORAGE OF COTTON TO CSC.

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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTACT ASCS OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS,
DETERMINE WHETHER ESTES HAS MADE SUCH ASSIGNMENTS AND REPORT
FULL DETAILS AS TO DATES OF ASSIGNMENT, AMOUNTS PAID.

NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT TODAY STATES W. P. MATTOX, VICE CHAIRMAN
ASCS COMMITTEE, PECOS, REEVES COUNTY, SUSPENDED BY STATE ASCS OFFICE
ACCEPTING PLANE TRIP AND HOTEL EXPENSES IN WASHINGTON FROM ESTES.
USDA OFFICIAL, DALLAS, STATES MATTOX ELECTED BY FARMERS OF
COUNTY, BUT PAID FROM FEDERAL FUNDS ON PER DIEM BASIS, NOT CLASSIFIED
CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE, BUT ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL RETIREMENT
BENEFITS.

UACB, DALLAS WILL ASSUME EL PASO WILL BE ORIGIN IN SEPARATE
CASE IF INVESTIGATION DESIRED.

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URGENT 5-10-62 6-22 PM CST JWD

TO. DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

FROM. SAC, SAN ANTONIO 87-5025

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, MAIL FRAUD, CONSPIRACY, BRIBERY,
CONFLICT OF INTEREST. *Section*

REBUTEL AND WFO TEL DATED MAY TEN AND DALLAS TEL CALL RE
SCOPE OF IRS INQUIRY.

GEORGE STEPHEN, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, IRS, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
ADVISED IRS INVESTIGATION CONCERNS PUBLICIZED ACCOUNTS OF FUNDS
RECEIVED ON CHATTEL MORTGAGES AND TANK TRANSACTIONS WHICH INCOME
COULD BE REGARDED AS SWINDLING INCOME. ALSO UNREPORTED RECEIPTS
AND ABNORMAL EXPENDITURES. INITIAL REPORT SENT WASHINGTON AND PRELIMINARY
INVESTIGATION ALONG THESE LINES CONTINUING.

DETAILED AUDIT TO BE CONDUCTED BY AUDIT DIVISION IRS.
STEPHEN SUGGEST CONTACT WITH ALLEN LONG, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION, IRS WASHINGTON, AS HE HAS AUTHORITY TO RELEASE DETAILS
OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED, INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED, AND
FACT AUDIT DIVISION IS SEPARATE DIVISION. REC-34 *37-2870-304*

NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH STEPHEN IN THIS REGARD UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
Attention: Personnel Section

DATE: 5/8/62

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (67-425)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST
REQUEST FOR COMMENDATIONS
Dallas File 58-188

OO - Dallas

Rerep of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, Dallas, 4/20/62, and Dallas letter to Bureau, 5/8/62.

Relet sets forth a request for commendations which is self-explanatory. In addition, I feel that ASAC KYLE G. CLARK should receive a letter of commendation.

The over-all supervision of this case was handled by ASAC CLARK. I feel that the over-all excellence of this case, as indicated in relet, was due in no small part to ASAC CLARK's enthusiasm and ability in being able to co-ordinate the many aspects of this case in the shortest possible time. I feel an individual letter of commendation should be sent to ASAC KYLE G. CLARK for his outstanding performance, in connection with this case.

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ReDallas letter 5/8/62 requesting commendations.

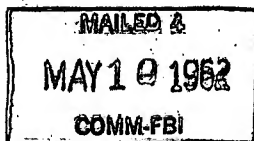
The Bureau feels that your recommendations for commendations at this time in the instant case are premature. It is not felt that the case is far enough along so that an evaluation can be made of the performance of personnel involved in the investigation.

Therefore no decision will be made as to commendation at this time. Your recommendations however can be resubmitted when the case has reached a logical conclusion.

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Rerep of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, Dallas, 4/20/62.

As set forth in rerep, in excess of 30 interviews under oath were taken in conjunction with extensive and expedite investigation conducted in the Dallas Division during the period, 4/16 - 20/62.

The investigation of this case was handled and co-ordinated by SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS. I feel that his work in co-ordinating the investigative activity and the ultimate preparation of the thorough, extensive and comprehensive report was outstanding.

The speedy and successful investigation of this case and preparation of the report is directly attributed to the intensive effort and investigation conducted by the following agents:

[REDACTED]
W. HARLAN BROWN
VINCENT E. J. DRAIN

[REDACTED]
JAMES P. HOSTY, JR.
EDWIN D. KUYKENDALL
ALFRED D. NEELEY
CARL E. UNDERHILL EX - 132
RICHARD AVERY DYER
WILLIAM R. JENKINS
WARREN A. LARSON

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ALAN L. MANNING

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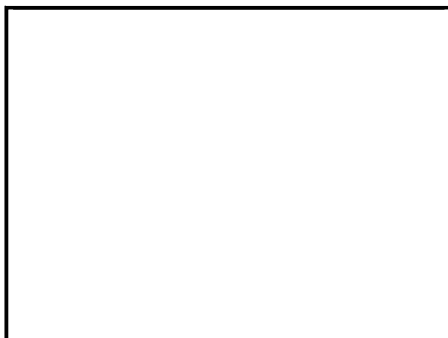
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I feel that the office should receive a letter of commendation which can be placed in the above agents' personnel files, commending them for their diligent and intensive efforts in this case.

I feel that SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS and SA GASTON C. THOMPSON should receive individual letters of commendation for their outstanding work in connection with their efforts; SA CLEMENTS, for his splendid handling and co-ordination of the intensive investigation as stated above; SA THOMPSON, for his intensive and accurate review and reporting of voluminous records involved and his untiring efforts in assisting SA CLEMENTS in compiling the final details of the report.

I also feel that the following clerical employees of the Dallas Office, listed below, performed in an exemplary manner and gave unstintingly of their time and efforts, which greatly assisted in furnishing the Bureau the desired information within the prescribed time. I feel these individuals should be included in the letter of commendation for the office, which can be placed in their personnel files:



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A large share of the statistical work in this involved report was accomplished by [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to the large volume of accurate work, these individuals remained on duty after the close of business for an extended period of time to assist in compiling and preparing the finished report. Security Clerk [redacted] materially assisted in the final report in that after going off duty at 9 PM, he voluntarily remained to complete multilithing and assembling the report. The splendid attitude of [redacted]

[redacted] is highlighted in that

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they gave freely of their own time at a personal inconvenience with no claim being made for compensatory leave earned. I feel that these individuals should receive individual letters of commendation for their outstanding work as pointed out above.

May 10, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES

[redacted] of the Department made a request to the San Antonio Office that all bank accounts for Estes or any of his known enterprises be checked for the period from January 1, 1959, through April 30, 1962, and he indicated he was interested in obtaining a transcript of the bank accounts. He identified the First National Bank at Pecos, Texas, the Security State Bank, Pecos, Texas, the Midland National Bank, Midland, Texas, the First National Bank of Sudan, Sudan, Texas, and the Hale County State Bank, Plainview, Texas, as banks which should be checked.

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[redacted] also stated he had determined Estes went into bankruptcy in El Paso, Texas, and if this was true, he would like the receiver, referee or trustee or all three contacted to see if they have any records of bank accounts for the subject.

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Dallas files indicate that the banks mentioned above are but a few of the many accounts of Estes, under names of various enterprises at various locations. To avoid an extensive review of all the banks, a suggestion was made that it would be more feasible to have the El Paso Office check books and records turned over to the receiver with particular reference to cash disbursement ledgers and cancelled checks which would disclose the information [redacted] desired at considerably less expenditure of time and personnel.

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There is a very serious legal question about the legality of going to the receiver for checks, check books and cash disbursement ledgers of Estes as proposed. The Assistant United States Attorney at El Paso does not entirely discount that since the receiving procedure is not a bankruptcy procedure but only a procedure for the

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arrangement of unsecured debts under Chapter 11, that process such as a search warrant could not be lawfully secured for access to those records. Further, informal access to the records could taint all the evidence secured in the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property case against Estes and his associates. In connection with the above, Estes' bank account at the First National Bank of Pecos consists of 163 pages of ledger sheets with approximately 200 items on each page. This has been microfilmed and will be made available as quickly as possible.

Estes' general manager has advised that it was a very common practice for Estes to draw checks for cash and charge it to either his "drawing account" or his "contract labor account." There was no actual accounting for the proceeds of checks cashed by Estes in this manner. For example, the total charges to Estes' drawing account in 1961 were \$271,656.44.

While the procedure of securing banking information from the receiver is much more practicable than trying to review all the records of all the banks, it is requested that the Department consider the legality of approaching the receiver either with or without process and the further question of what effect such a search would have on the admissibility of evidence already secured.

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Enclosed herewith is one copy of summary memorandum referred to in my tel this date.

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MEMORANDUM

Dealings between Commercial Solvents Corporation (CSC)
and Billie Sol Estes (Estes)*

1. Estes began buying anhydrous ammonia (ammonia) from CSC in May, 1958. By August, 1958, Estes owed CSC about \$500,000, against which he had made no payments. Through C. T. Marshall, then head of CSC's fertilizer sales division, Estes arranged for an appointment at CSC's principal office in New York, where he met for the first time with CSC's executive officers and proposed an agreement which, after negotiation, resulted in the execution of the Master Agreement made as of December 1, 1958 between CSC and Estes (Exhibit 1).

2. The arrangement reflected in the Master Agreement was substantially as follows:

CSC loaned Estes \$900,000, evidenced by promissory notes (Exhibit 5) payable in equal annual installments over a 5-year period beginning February 28, 1960. (\$540,000 of that original \$900,000 is still unpaid.) Of the loan, about \$575,000 was to cover Estes' indebtedness to CSC for ammonia purchased through November, 1958, \$225,000 was to finance Estes' down payment on his purchase of the Smith-Bawden grain terminals, and about \$100,000 was to finance Estes' first \$100,000 of ammonia purchased from CSC thereafter.

CSC and Estes simultaneously entered into a Fertilizer Agreement dated as of December 1, 1958 (Exhibit 3), pursuant to which Estes agreed to buy his

*This memorandum summarizes in general terms some of the more important features of numerous documents. For complete and accurate information, reference should be made to the Exhibits referred to herein.

requirements of ammonia from CSC, subject to a meeting-competition provision and provided that CSC was not obligated to deliver more than 12,000 tons in any year. The price was CSC's published schedule price from time to time in effect. Payment was to be made on CSC's standard credit terms, except that Estes was allowed an open line of credit not to exceed \$500,000, evidenced by promissory notes (none of which was ever delivered) with interest at 5%. The agreement was to continue for 5 fertilizer years, and from year to year thereafter until terminated.

Estes' indebtedness was secured as follows: He gave CSC a chattel mortgage dated November 25, 1958 covering 800 1,000-gallon ammonia tank-trailers and 400 500-gallon acid tank-trailers, and covering the inventory and equipment at the two Smith-Bawden terminals (Exhibit 7), and a Deed of Trust dated November 25, 1958 covering realty at the two Smith-Bawden terminals (Exhibit 6). He assigned to CSC three life insurance policies on his life having an aggregate face value of \$500,000 (Exhibit 9). Finally, he gave CSC an assignment of accounts receivable, notice of which was filed on April 1, 1959 (Exhibit 8), and in that connection he assigned to CSC the proceeds under his CCC grain storage contract No. A74-6-CCC-1761A (Exhibits 11 and 12). CSC agreed to release the first \$105,400 from the proceeds of the CCC contract to the prior owners of the Smith-Bawden terminals (Exhibit 15a).

Estes further agreed in substance that he would not further encumber 12 specified tracts of land, and that if he sold them he would pay the proceeds to CSC.

To protect CSC against the possibility that Estes, who had contracted with CSC individually, might try to avoid his obligations to CSC by purchasing

his ammonia or operating his grain storage business through a partnership or corporation or other entity controlled by Estes, the Master Agreement provided that all such entities owned or controlled by Estes would enter into ammonia purchase agreements with CSC (with payment guaranteed by Estes) and that if any such entities should acquire grain terminals in Floyd or Hale counties the proceeds thereof would be assigned as additional security to CSC.

3. The first Master Agreement, and the first Fertilizer Agreement, were in effect for only about a year. Estes' ammonia requirements greatly exceeded CSC's expectations, and his indebtedness to CSC increased so rapidly that by November, 1959 he owed CSC almost \$3,000,000 on open account in addition to the \$900,000 evidenced by notes. New negotiations were then initiated with Estes, which resulted in the execution of the Revised Master Agreement dated as of December 15, 1959 (Exhibit 2), and the Amended Fertilizer Agreement effective as of November 1, 1959 (Exhibit 4), which have since then remained in effect.

Under the Amended Fertilizer Agreement, CSC agreed to sell and Estes agreed to buy 24,000 tons of ammonia per year, provided that Estes was not obligated to purchase more than his requirements but was in any event required to purchase not less than 10,000 tons per year. The price was CSC's published scheduled price at the time of each delivery, subject to CSC's standard freight equalization pricing policies, and further subject to a meeting-competition provision. Estes' open line of credit was increased from the original \$500,000 to an amount determined by formula, which in practice was expected to be \$2,500,000 plus amounts accrued (and payable to CSC) through the close of the preceding month under Estes' CCC contract. (5% interest was payable on material not paid for by the close of the month following the month of sale.) The agreement provided that it would continue in effect through June 30, 1964 and thereafter

until cancelled on any June 30 on at least 4 years notice.

As noted in the attached schedule (Exhibit 26), the tonnage of ammonia actually purchased by Estes from CSC was 34,549 tons in 1959, 25,903 tons in 1960 and 36,018 tons in 1961.

The general philosophy of the security provisions of the 1958 Master Agreement was carried over in the 1959 Revised Master Agreement, except that further security was added to support the larger line of credit.

In September, 1959 Estes had given CSC a Deed of Trust covering the Plainview terminal which he had recently purchased (Exhibit 18). In November, ^{1959,} he gave CSC a Deed of Trust covering his newly purchased Newman and Olton terminals and the twelve tracts of land as to which he had previously given CSC only a contractual commitment (Exhibit 19).

Estes renewed his assignment of accounts receivable to CSC, including his agreement to mark his books, maintain on file a valid, current Notice of Assignment under the Texas statutes, turn over to CSC all proceeds of assigned accounts and deliver to CSC proper Assignments and Notices of Assignments in respect of CCC receivables. As additional security, Estes gave CSC a chattel mortgage on his inventory of ammonia purchases from CSC (Exhibit 16).

4. Estes' indebtedness to CSC continued to increase, but the volume of the CCC payments made directly to CSC also increased and in 1960 and 1961 almost equaled the amount due CSC on Estes' new purchases of ammonia. Additional security continued to be given CSC as required under the Revised Master Agreement.

In March, 1960, CSC obtained from Estes a new Deed of Trust (Exhibit 20) renewing CSC's liens under the Deed of Trust and Chattel Mortgage each

dated November 25, 1958 (Exhibits 6 and 7) and the Deed of Trust dated September 10, 1959 (Exhibit 18). The new Deed of Trust contained somewhat broader provisions than did the prior documents. Further, it utilized the new form which was thereafter used for Deeds of Trust from Estes to CSC: each Deed of Trust was executed substantially in duplicate, with the first one being strictly limited in its coverage in the hope of taking priority over Federal tax liens, and the second one being broad in scope.

In June, 1960, Estes sent CSC a promissory note for \$900,000 with payment guaranteed by Superior Manufacturing Company, secured by chattel mortgages on 1,256 1,000-gallon tank-trailers (Exhibit 17).

In June, 1960, Estes entered into a new CCC contract, and payments thereunder were duly assigned to CSC (Exhibits 13 and 14).

In August, 1960, Estes gave CSC twin Deeds of Trust on terminals purchased by him in Floyd and Swisher Counties (Exhibit 21). Also in August, 1960, he gave CSC twin Deeds of Trust on a terminal purchased by him in Briscoe County (Exhibit 22).

As Estes' newly purchased terminals were placed under his CCC contract (so that CSC received payment for all grain stored therein), CSC was in several instances asked and agreed to release to the sellers certain of the CCC proceeds thus received by CSC (Exhibit 15). On several occasions, Estes asked that specific small tracts be released from CSC's Deeds of Trust, and such releases were occasionally granted (Exhibits 19b and 22a).

During the years of their relationship, Estes on numerous occasions proposed various different arrangements with CSC, most of which involved the extension of additional credit by CSC to Estes. For example, in June, 1961, Estes proposed that he and CSC enter into a joint venture (probably utilizing

a jointly owned corporation to be formed) for the production and sale of fertilizers and the operation of grain storage terminals in Texas. After thoroughly considering the matter, CSC declined the proposal.

In January, 1962, Estes asked CSC to increase his credit line to \$10,000,000 or \$20,000,000, with additional collateral to be furnished by Estes. CSC declined this proposal, also, but did agree informally that if Estes was at any time in a tight cash position CSC would consider advancing him funds on a short-term basis with additional collateral. In February, 1962, Estes asked for a short-term loan of \$400,000. CSC sent him a check in that amount on February 28, and received his 90-day promissory note (Exhibit 23), and, on March 21, Estes sent CSC six additional Deeds of Trust (Exhibit 24) and a Collateral Pledge Agreement (Exhibit 25).

A summary of CSC's financial dealings with Estes is set forth in Exhibit 26.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5/10/62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

APPENDIX

Pages A8451-A8452 and A8461. Congressman Derounian, (R) New York, extended his remarks concerning the case of Billie Sol Estes and the Agriculture Department, included an article written by Roscoe Drummond entitled "The Estes Case Mysteries: An Investigation Needed" which appeared in the May 8th issue of the New York Herald Tribune and an editorial from the same paper entitled "No Favors for Estes?—It Depends on What You Call Favoritism." Mr. Drummond stated "On the record thus far it seems fair to say the Departments' handling of the Estes matter has been uneven. Mr. Freeman brought in the FBI at an early stage and the Justice Department brought about the arrest and indictment of Estes for fraud. But I see no adequate explanation of why the Department of Agriculture was willing to honor this man with continued service on the National Cotton Advisory Committee many months after the most dubious aspects of his manipulations were evident to officials investigating them." On page A8461 Congresswoman Dwyer, (R) New Jersey, extended her remarks concerning this case and included the same material as was submitted by Mr. Derounian.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for May 8, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: May 7, 1962

FROM : W. B. Welte *W. B. Welte*

Time of Call: 1:40 P.M. (EDST)

SUBJECT: **BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
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SAC Williams, San Antonio, called with reference to rumors that the plane allegedly owned by Vice President Johnson was owned by Brown and Root Company. SAC Williams stated that when he first went to San Antonio last summer he heard rumors to the effect that the plane was owned by Brown and Root Company. He said that the rumors were widespread and he could not attribute them to any particular source.

SAC Williams stated that SA William Oglesby talked to the insurance man who wrote the policy on the plane. SA Oglesby cannot recall his name but feels that he could ascertain the name of this insurance man. SA Oglesby in casual conversation with the insurance man who did not know Oglesby's identification learned that the policy had been written for Brown and Root and when the plane crashed the check was made out to Brown and Root, but because the plane was reportedly owned by Johnson the insurance company turned over the check to its lawyers. SAC Williams said he did not know whether anybody had been paid by the insurance company as yet and there had been rumors that Brown and Root would not take the check.

SAC Williams stated that last Tuesday, 5/1/62, at the Gunther Hotel, San Antonio, he overheard two individuals whose names he did not know wondering out loud if the plane Brown and Root gave to Vice President Johnson that crashed would come up during the Texas election being held that week.

SAC Williams stated he could not furnish the identity of any specific person to whom he could attribute the above information but felt that Oglesby could ascertain the identity of the insurance agent. SA Oglesby talked to the insurance agent around Christmas, 1961.

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The Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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This is to set out the current investigation being conducted in the captioned matter.

On May 8, 1962, [redacted] of the Department requested the Agent in Charge of our San Antonio Office to make a check of all long distance telephone calls made or charged to Estes' home telephone since January 1, 1961. [redacted] stated he was particularly interested in any calls made to or charged by Dr. James T. Ralph, McLean, Virginia, to Estes' home telephone on January 14, 1962, and February 17, 18 and 24, 1962. This information was obtained and furnished to the Department on May 9, 1962. It did not disclose the pertinent telephone calls in which the Department had an interest.

On May 11, 1962, as we continued a telephone check which was part of our over-all investigation, it was determined that the Ralph calls that the Department was interested in had been made from Estes' business telephone. The Department was promptly advised.

Documents reflecting the dealings of Estes with the Agriculture Department have been secured. To date we are in receipt of over 3,800 documents and an exhaustive and intensive accounting analysis is in the process of being made. We have received a request from the Department to interview numerous people within the Department of Agriculture concerning their relations with Estes. The request specifically names Under Secretary Charles Murphy and among other pertinent questions, inquiry is to be made into any congressional pressure applied on behalf of Estes.

We are currently conducting investigation into the various enterprises owned or controlled wholly or in part by Estes. We have determined the names of twenty-three such companies. We are conducting full background investigation into these companies and you will be further advised.

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The Attorney General

On June 3, 1961, Henry H. Marshall, a former employee of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, Bryan, Texas, was found shot to death on his farm near Franklin, Texas. Marshall had conducted considerable investigation into the activities of Estes. We conducted no investigation concerning the murder at that time; however, we are now attempting to determine the cause of death. We have determined initially this death was ruled a suicide and that relatives of Marshall had indicated he was in bad health having had several heart attacks and believed he had a cancer. The clothing which he wore at the time of his death contained powder burns as a result of five bullets being fired into his abdomen. The Robertson County Sheriff's Office test fired the weapon and the shells matched those found where Marshall's body was found. No autopsy was performed. We are continuing our investigation into this phase.

With reference to Jerry R. Holleman, the Assistant Secretary of Labor who has resigned because of his connection with Estes, he had been contacted by Agents of the FBI on May 11, 1962. He refused to be interviewed until May 14, 1962. He has now advised that the Department of Labor is reviewing his case and he has refused to be interviewed until May 17, 1962.

Certain of the records of the Estes operation are in the custody of one [redacted]. In the initial stages of our investigation we seized evidentiary material using a search warrant which was served the day following the arrest of Estes. This was several weeks prior to [redacted] appointment as a [redacted]. The United States Attorney at El Paso has raised a legal question concerning the advisability of Bureau personnel [redacted] custody. This matter has been referred to the Department for a determination.

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *AB*

DATE: May 10, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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Assistant Attorney General Miller of the Criminal Division called and advised that Don O'Donnell of the McClellan Committee had been in touch with him in connection with captioned case. O'Donnell advised Miller that in almost every instance wherever the McClellan Committee investigators had gone in the Estes case, it was determined that FBI Agents had previously been to the individuals involved and apparently had obtained all records that the McClellan Committee was interested in. In view of this, O'Donnell had requested Mr. Miller to advise whether or not these records could be made available direct to the McClellan Committee.

AAG Miller stated that he saw no objection to making records which were mentioned by O'Donnell available, these including such items as hotel records of various hotels in Washington, D. C., and the records of Estes which were in the hands of [redacted] who is handling the business affairs of Estes at the present time in Pecos, Texas. Miller requested to be advised relative to the Bureau's views concerning making these records available to the McClellan Committee.

Miller stated that if the Bureau saw any problems in connection with making copies of the records in question available, he would like this matter discussed with Attorney [redacted] in the Department, who is handling the Estes matter under the direction of Attorney [redacted]

A check was made concerning the above-mentioned items and it was determined that records of various hotels in Washington, D. C., had not been physically retained by Bureau Agents and that any records which had been examined had been returned to the hotels in order that the proper official of the hotel could introduce the records if it became necessary at a subsequent trial.

Concerning the records in possession of [redacted] it was determined that certain records of Estes were obtained based on a

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search warrant which was served the day following the arrest of Estes. This was several weeks prior to [redacted]. Concerning the additional records in the possession of [redacted] the U. S. Attorney at El Paso has raised a legal question concerning the advisability of Bureau personnel reviewing these records. This matter has been referred to the Department for a determination.

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AAG Miller was advised concerning the status of the records in possession of [redacted] and the fact that all hotel records were in the possession of the hotels and that there was no reason why the McClellan Committee investigators could not secure these records as we had no copies available.

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Subsequent to the conversations with AAG Miller, a telephone call was received from O'Donnell of the McClellan Committee. He advised that one of the Committee investigators in Pecos, Texas, had been advised that certain records were in the possession of the FBI and that it was not known by [redacted] when or if these records would be returned. He also advised that in making inquiries at some of the hotels in Washington, D. C., the Committee had been advised that the FBI had obtained their records and consequently the records were not available. He stated that the Committee had also checked with a number of banks concerning various records and had been advised that some of these records were being examined by FBI personnel but that they were available. O'Donnell stated it was the Committee's intention to issue subpoenas for bank records concerning Estes.

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O'Donnell stated that based on the information he had received concerning the Bureau's having records, he was of the opinion that possibly every place that the Committee investigators would go, Bureau Agents would have preceded his men and he was attempting to avoid unnecessary inquiries. He stated that having been a former Agent he realized that the Bureau probably had not physically retained records but would leave them in the possession of the individuals who would necessarily have to produce them in a trial at a subsequent date.

O'Donnell was advised that with respect to hotel records in Washington, D. C., the Bureau had not physically retained any of these records. With regard to the situation existing in Texas, he was furnished no information in view of the fact that a legal problem is involved and must

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be decided by the Department before a decision can be reached as to whether the Department would want these records made available to the McClellan Committee.

ACTION:

The Department is being followed concerning a decision as to whether the Bureau should or should not review the records in the possession of [redacted] Texas.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *ans*

DATE: 5/11/62

FROM : C. A. Evans *CAE*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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While I was in the Attorney General's office today on another matter he received a telephone call from Secretary Freeman. This telephone call related to Dr. James Ralph, an employee of the Department of Agriculture. It appears that Freeman had arranged an interview with Ralph for today at which time he contemplated firing him. This action was to be predicated upon certain evidence as to telephone calls which Ralph is alleged to have made and to have charged to Estes. The Attorney General didn't have the information as to these telephone calls and without this evidence Mr. Freeman didn't think he could fire Ralph.

The Attorney General asked me if I knew what had been done on these phone calls. He was informed I had no personal knowledge of this but I would be glad to have it checked and let him know. He said no, that he had asked Miller to get him the information and he would get the results from Miller. He tried to call Miller who was out of the building. The Attorney General then spoke to [] Miller [] apparently gave him some information but not enough. The Attorney General was obviously irritated and told [] he couldn't understand why he hadn't gotten the data he had asked for. He further indicated that he had asked Miller about this four days ago and he wanted an explanation as to why the information hadn't been secured.

The Attorney General then asked me about the information that was coming over from the Bureau to the Department. I told him all investigation asked for by the Criminal Division in this matter was being handled on a preferred and expeditious basis and that the results were being promptly submitted to the Criminal Division. The Attorney General then said in view of his personal interest in this matter he would like to have a daily memorandum from the FBI as to the important developments in this investigation. He was assured that this would be submitted to him.

On returning to the Bureau I ascertained we had received a request from the Criminal Division on May 8th for investigation relating to certain

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telephone calls; that this investigation was promptly handled; the pertinent information was furnished to the Criminal Division telephonically the following day and a memorandum confirming this was sent through May 9. The investigation was in Texas and the complete report has been submitted and is en route to the Bureau.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

As matters stand, the Attorney General was looking to the Criminal Division for the information on the telephone calls. It would nevertheless appear in our first daily memorandum to the Attorney General as to developments in this case, it might be well to restate the facts insofar as this particular investigation is concerned so that this will be clearly set forth on the record.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: "B. B. 1", "W. W.", "C. W.", "J. W.", "J. W.", "V."]

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The Attorney General

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Thompson

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Director, FBI

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This is to advise you of recent developments in our investigation concerning the deaths of Henry Harvey Marshall and George A. Krutilek.

Marshall is a former official of the United States Department of Agriculture who had dealings with Billie Sol Estes regarding the cotton allotment program. He was reportedly shot five times by a .22 caliber bolt action rifle and died on June 3, 1961. His death was attributed to suicide.

Krutilek was an El Paso accountant who worked as a "finder" of purchasers of fraudulent paper circulated by Estes in connection with his fraudulent scheme involving the purchase and leasing of anhydrous ammonia (fertilizer) tanks.

In connection with the death of Marshall, it has been determined that the Texas Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety, conducted no investigation concerning the death.

[redacted] of the Callaway-Jones Funeral Home, Bryan, Texas, advised at the time he picked up Marshall's body from the Middle Funeral Home in Berne, Texas, the body was fully clothed. He was advised that the cause of death was the fact that Marshall had shot himself. [redacted] stated that upon examination of Marshall's body he

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[REDACTED] stated that he contacted Justice of the Peace [REDACTED] as to his verdict regarding death of Marshall at which time [REDACTED] replied that he "was told by the Sheriff that it was suicide and it sure looked like it." [REDACTED] stated that he would withhold the verdict of suicide pending an investigation. [REDACTED] then prepared the death certificate and forwarded it to [REDACTED] for completion. Several days later [REDACTED] received the death certificate in the mail wherein [REDACTED] had indicated the cause of death as "suicide." [REDACTED] who informed him that he, [REDACTED] had contacted Sheriff Howard Stegall who told him that "it had to be suicide" and then went over the evidence indicating such after which [REDACTED] was convinced the cause of death was suicide.

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Inquiry at the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Tex^{b7C} disclosed that while that agency was not asked to conduct any investigation at the time of Marshall's death certain examinations were made in its laboratory. Laboratory records indicate that on June 5, 1961, Sheriff Howard Stegall requested examination of one shirt, one pair of trousers, one pair of shorts and one white handkerchief to determine the presence of powder particles. The laboratory reported by letter dated June 7, 1961, that some powder particles had been found on the shirt, but no powder

The Attorney General

particles were found on any other clothing. On June 9, 1961, the Sheriff requested the examination of one .22 caliber Western cartridge case found in a .22 caliber rifle located at the scene of the death as well as two other cartridge cases. On June 11, 1961, the laboratory advised that all three had been fired by the same gun.

On May 14, 1962, [redacted] Texas, advised that following the investigation of Marshall's death by the Robertson County Sheriff's Office he reviewed the results and was satisfied with the verdict of suicide. [redacted] stated that he personally talked with [redacted] Marshal [redacted] who told him that Marshall had acted strangely for several weeks preceding his death. He also reported that Marshall had "a bad heart" and rested every day. [redacted] further reported that the deceased had a knot on his back which Marshall thought was cancer. [redacted] stated that these facts together with the reports of the laboratory examination indicated to him that the cause of death was suicide and nothing to date has developed indicating otherwise.

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In connection with the death of Krutilek, investigation has determined that [redacted] Texas, performed the autopsy. The ruling at the coroner's request was "death by natural causes (heart attack) while attempting to commit suicide."

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Justice of the Peace [redacted] Texas, advised that the ruling was arrived at as a result of the coroner's autopsy report plus evidence indicating attempted suicide. This evidence included a plastic hose inserted in the rear window of Krutilek's automobile and the hose had been fixed to the exhaust pipe of his car. The ignition key was in the switch and was on the "on" position and the gas tank empty.

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You will be advised of further developments in this matter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

MAY 15, 1962

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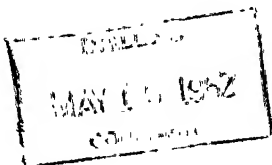
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RE BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
ITSP - BRIBERY

Attached for each office are copies of a list of names of persons that the Department wants to obtain income tax records concerning. The Department has requested the FBI obtain the addresses and names of spouses of these individuals.

The information on the Senator and Congressmen should be obtained discreetly. If information on others not available through credit or other readily accessible sources contact employing agency.

All offices handle same day received and submit letterhead memo by airtel COB same day.



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Prominent Names:

1. William E. Morris	USDA
2. Emery E. Jacobs	USDA
3. Carl J. Miller	USDA
4. Charles S. Murphy	USDA
5. John Bagwell	USDA
6. Thomas Smart	USDA
7. C.H. Moseley	USDA - Dallas
8. Pearlle M. Miller	USDA - Dallas
9. 	USDA - Dallas
10. 	USDA
11. 	USDA
12. 	USDA- Dallas
13. F. W. Blease	USDA - Dallas
14. 	USDA
15. Horace Godfrey	USDA
16. N. Battle Hales	USDA
17. 	USDA
18. Donald L. McCoy	USDA
19. 	USDA
20. Lee Rogers Wanner	USDA
21. Mr. Moss	USDA (See Bureau airtel to WFO 5/12/62)
22. Mr. Tucker	USDA (See Bureau airtel to WFO 5/12/62)
23. Jerry R. Holleman	USDL
24. Senator Ralph Yarborough	MS
25. Congressman Jamie Whitten	MC

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26. Congressman Ed Edmondson	MC
27. Congressman J.T. Rutherford	MC
28. Congressman George H. Mahon	MC
29. Congressman H. Carl Andersen	MC
30. Walter Berger	Commercial Solvents Corporation, NYC
31. Joseph A. McConnell	Commercial Solvents Corporation, NYC
32. W.P. Mattox	Reeves County Stabilization Board
33. Mr. Russell E. Dill	Clinton, Oklahoma USDA
34. Mr. Harvey E. White	Clinton, Oklahoma USDA
35. 	Estes Enterprises
36. 	Estes Lawyer
37. Coleman D. McSpadden	Estes Sup. Mfg.
38. Harold Eugene Orr	Estes Sup. Mfg.
39. Ruel Wade Alexander	Estes Sup. Mfg.
40. George A. Krutilek	Deceased Accountant - El Paso
41. 	Brother of Member of Congress and Washington State Congressman
42. O. P. Herren	USDA
43. Henry H. Marshall	USDA

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TO SACS, DALLAS
HOUSTON
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EL PASO
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FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY DASH BRIBERY.

RE BUTEL, MAY ELEVEN LAST.

SUREP COMPLETED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING DEATHS OF
HENRY H. MARSHALL AND GEORGE A. KRUTILEK, AMSD, BY MAY
SEVENTEEN NEXT.

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TO SACS DALLAS, HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, EL PASO AND WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY DASH BRIBERY.

RE BUTEL, MAY ELEVEN LAST.

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TO SAC EL PASO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ^PESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

REURAIRTELS MAY TEN AND TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX TWO,
TRANSMITTING INFORMATION CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALLS
MADE FROM ESTES' TELEPHONES.

SUTEL WHETHER ALL LONG DISTANCE CALLS HAVE BEEN
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FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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EL PASO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ELECTION LAWS.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

REGARDING AN ALLEGATION THAT ESTES ONCE EXHIBITED A CARD
WHICH PURPORTED TO SHOW THAT HE WAS A ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
DOLLARS SUSTAINING MEMBER OF THE QUOTE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY UNQUOTE.

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Teletype to SACs, Dallas
El Paso

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTS CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE PAREN DNC END PAREN FOR ANY INFORMATION IT MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH RELATIVE TO THE ABOVE.

THE DALLAS OFFICE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW [] AND THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE SHOULD CONTACT THE DNC FOR ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION AS TO THE NATURE OF ANY CARD []

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[] ESTES. ~~REDACTED~~

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Teletype to SACs, Dallas
El Paso
Re: BILLIE SOL ESTES

ADVISE PERSONS CONTACTED THAT THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES. HANDLE PURSUANT TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, SECTION TWO SEVEN.

THE TRANSCRIPT REFERRED TO ABOVE AS THE SOURCE OF THIS ALLEGATION IS CONSIDERED A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE AND MUST BE FULLY PROTECTED. IN PREDICATING THE INTERVIEW WITH

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NOTE: Above investigation being conducted pursuant to request of CRD, 5/16/62. This is being confirmed in memo to the AG dated 5/17/62.

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URGENT 5-16-62 8-15 PM NH
TO SACS DALLAS EL PASO WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM DIRECTOR 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ELECTION LAWS.

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WHICH PURPORTED TO SHOW THAT HE WAS A ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FROM DIRECTOR 3 P

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TO SACS DALLAS
EL PASO
SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY DASH BRIBERY.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE, MAY SEVEN LAST.

REFERENCED TELETYPE DEALS WITH REQUEST OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CRIMINAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

TO CHECK ESTES' BANK ACCOUNTS. A SUBSTITUTE PROCEDURE
WAS PROPOSED BY DALLAS FOR SECURING BANKING INFORMATION
FROM THE RECEIVER BUT A QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO THE
LEGALITY OF THIS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW RULED THAT ACCESS
TO THE RECEIVER'S RECORDS CAN BE HAD LEGALLY, THE USA
SHOULD INFORM THE COURT THAT WE PLAN TO REVIEW ALL THE
RECEIVER'S RECORDS AS TO ESTES AND ALL HIS TRANSACTIONS.
IF ANY QUESTIONS AS TO THE PROCEDURE ARISE, THE USA SHOULD
BE REFERRED TO [REDACTED] AT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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ATTORNEY AND ESTES SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT THE QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED WILL DEAL WITH OTHER THAN THE OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE HAS BEEN INDICTED.

IF ESTES CAN BE INTERVIEWED HE SHOULD BE QUESTIONED IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OFFICIALS. NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW IN PRESENCE OF ATTORNEY.

BUDED TO CONTACT USA AND START THAT PHASE SUTEL BY MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTYTWO.

BUDED RE ESTES INTERVIEW SUTEL BY MAY SIXTEEN.

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TO SACS DALLAS EL PASO SAN ANTONIO
FROM DIRECTOR 2P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY DASH BRIBERY.

RE SAN ANTONIO TELETYPE, MAY SEVEN LAST.

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TO SAC, NEW YORK

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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PROPERTY DASH DIBERY.

MATERIAL SUBMITTED BY YOUR OFFICE RELATING TO DEALINGS
OF COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS CORPORATION WITH ESTES HAS BEEN
FURNISHED DEPARTMENT. SUTEL WHETHER THIS MATERIAL INCLUDED
DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM FILES OF ESTES IN PECOS, TEXAS,
BY COMMERCIAL SOLVENTS OFFICIALS. IF NOT INCLUDED, THIS
INFORMATION IS TO BE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR
TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT. *Copies Mailed to Dallas*

- 1 - Dallas (Information)
1 - El Paso (Information)

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TO SAC NEW YORK -----7-----

FROM DIRECTOR 1-P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN
PROPERTY DASH BRIBERY.

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TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT. COPIES MAILED TO DALLAS AND
EL PASO.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

May 15, 1962

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ^(P)ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Welte
- 1 - Mr. Benjamin

This is to confirm a telephonic conversation
between [redacted] of the Criminal Division
of the Department of Justice and Special Agent Thomas W.
Curran of this Bureau.

[redacted] requested [redacted]
[redacted] to N. Battle Hales, a Department of Agriculture
official, be interviewed for all information she has
concerning favoritism shown to Estes by Departmental
officials or any other information in her possession which
would be pertinent to the investigation in this case. He
was also interested in the circumstances under which
[redacted]

The requested investigation will be conducted
and you will be advised.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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✓ TO SACS, DALLAS
EL PASO

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP DASH BRIBERY.

DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT TEXAS
ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL WILSON IS FILING STATE ANTITRUST CHARGES
AGAINST ESTES TODAY. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS DETAILS CONCERNING
ANY SUIT FILED AND COPIES OF ANY PLEADINGS IN CASE.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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TO : Director, FBI (29--28704)

DATE: 5/14/62

FROM : SAC, San Francisco (58-335) (Ruc)

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, ET AL
BRIBERY - COI
(OO: Dallas)

Re SF tel 5/11/62.

Status should have been shown as RUC.

Dallas being furnished with copy of retel herewith.

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Investigation instituted May 15, 1962, to obtain copies of transcripts Estes' accounts at seven known banks, Dallas. Records Hereford State Bank, Hereford, Texas, obtained. [redacted] First National Bank, Tulia, Texas, stated records will be produced only upon service of subpoena.

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Former Estes employee, Pecos, Texas, has advised substantial monthly drafts drawn by jewelry store, Temple or Waco, Texas, on Estes' account and that during this person's employment, Estes had spent vast sums at Specialty Store, Pecos. Leads sent to check records these stores.

Department is requested to advise what procedure should be followed concerning request for subpoena.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; et al
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
(OO:DL)ReWFOairtel 5/15/62, regarding [redacted]
[redacted] incident.Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies and
for Dallas one copy of a letterhead memo dated and
captioned as above setting forth results of interview
with [redacted]
[redacted][redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted]
and COY M. IVY.ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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May 16, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On May 16, 1962, [redacted]
[redacted] was interviewed
regarding his knowledge of [redacted]
[redacted] United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). *DL*

[redacted] was advised he did not have to make a
statement, that anything he might say could be used
against him in a court of law and that he had a right
to consult an attorney prior to making any statement.

[redacted] stated his [redacted]
had previously advised him not to make any statements
to newspapermen and he must check with his attorney before
the interview could continue. He called his attorney who
was not in and requested that the attorney call him back.

[redacted] then furnished the following information.
He has known [redacted] professionally for about 15 years.
During this time [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] USDA.

[redacted] stated that on Tuesday, April 24, 1962,
the day before the episode at USDA, he received a phone
call from the female manager of the apartment house where
[redacted] lives. The manager, according to [redacted] said [redacted]
was [redacted]

[redacted] stated he arrived at the manager's office about
12:00 o'clock and talked with [redacted] about 45 minutes.

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The [redacted] said [redacted] had not gone to work that day, had come in the manager's office and said she would not go back out in the lobby because she was afraid to meet people, due to everything that had happened at USDA.

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[redacted] stated, during his conversation with [redacted] she told him a story of what had transpired at USDA, that she was in charge of some files and worked for a Mr. Hales. She told [redacted] that when she went to work the Friday before, she was locked out of her office and Hales had been transferred someplace else. [redacted] said [redacted] mentioned names, but he cannot recall the names, nor did [redacted] go into any detailed story of activities at USDA.

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[redacted] said he found [redacted] about her files and what was going on. He stated she was worried as to what would happen to her and her boss and [redacted] gained the impression she was concerned over her personal position.

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[redacted] stated he knew her family was not in town and suggested she call her sister, who, he knew, lived someplace in North Carolina. According to [redacted] she declined and stated she felt she would be all right.

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[redacted] stated, as he left, he went back in to see the manager of the apartment house to ask her if she could find the sister's address and if possible, call the sister and have her get in touch with [redacted]

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At this point, [redacted] declined to furnish any further information regarding his connection with [redacted] or USDA until after he had a conference with his attorney.

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Subsequently, [redacted] consented to continue the interview, stating his attorney had indicated it would be all right for him to furnish information to proper authorities.

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At this point, [] was placed under oath and swore to the fact that all information furnished earlier and that which he was about to furnish was true and correct to the best of his recollection.

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[] stated he received a telephone call on April 25, 1962, from [] of the USDA. [] stated he could not recall the time of day, however, [] indicated he had been called to see [] and at the time of this telephone call, [] was []

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[] stated he then related to [] what he had found the day before when called to the apartment house and discussed the fact that []

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[] stated there is a point of contention in newspaper articles regarding this fact and [] wanted to make it clear that []

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[] stated he did not recommend that she be taken to D. C. General Hospital nor did he object to her being taken there.

[] was creating []

[] stated talking with [] at a later date. that []

[] stated, at no time did [] ask [] to come to USDA nor did [] ask if [] wanted [] office.

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[] stated he did not and has not signed any papers to have []

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[] would be called to testify before the D. C. Board of Mental Health. [] stated he has never been called to testify before this board in connection with []

RE BILLIE SOL ESTES

[redacted] stated he could not recall more than one telephone call from USDA and this is the one explained herein. [redacted] stated he never told [redacted] he was too busy to come to USDA since he was never asked to come there.

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[redacted] again stated he did not recommend nor did he object to [redacted] D. C. General Hospital. He stated he did not visit or telephone D. C. General Hospital or advise the hospital in any way that [redacted]

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[redacted] stated either the next day or a couple of days later, at the request of [redacted] [redacted] and talked with a [redacted] who handled [redacted] case, to see how she was getting along. [redacted] stated he never received any report from USDA. According to [redacted] indicated that, at first, [redacted] and could not understand what was happening [redacted] stated he understood this to mean that [redacted] D. C. General Hospital. [redacted] stated he received no indication from [redacted]

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[redacted] in the hallway

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[redacted] telephoned one day last week wanting to know if the reporters were "after [redacted] stated he told [redacted] he had been called by reporters and that he had told reporters "no comment." [redacted] told him reporters were "all over the place down there" and [redacted] did not know "what all the hulabalu was about." that it

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[redacted] stated he has not seen [redacted] since his visit at the [redacted]

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[redacted] stated a Mr. Hales of USDA telephoned him after [redacted]

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[redacted] stated he does not know Hales, does not know any of the individuals at USDA who have been mentioned in the newspapers and does not know Billie Sol Estes. He stated he has no knowledge of what is or has been going on at USDA or anything concerning any of the individuals involved except for what he has read in the newspapers.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; et al
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At 10:25 a.m., 5/16/62, N. BATTLE HALES, Department of Agriculture, telephonically contacted SAC, WFO. He stated that he had been in contact with his [redacted] last evening and this morning and had learned from her that FBI Agents were attempting to contact her for interview. He stated that he had been requested by [redacted] to act as her attorney and therefore, he wanted to notify me that [redacted] was ill and not available for interview at this time. He further stated that in the future she would not be interviewed except in his presence.

On 5/16/62, SAs ANDREW J. SHANNON and ROBERT E. TORRENCE interviewed N. BATTLE HALES, Defense Services Staff, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), at his office, Room 3300, Auditor's Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, N.W., WDC.

HALES advised agents that he had been requested to represent [redacted] as a friend and attorney in the matter concerning the interview with FBI Agents. HALES advised that she had requested that he represent her since the hearing held concerning [redacted]

He advised that prior to this [redacted] had asked him if he would represent [redacted]

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He stated that he thought it advisable to have an attorney represent [redacted] who was familiar with the type of hearing held at the hospital and had specific training in this type of hearing. He stated that as a result of this, he made arrangements with [redacted] WDC, to be the attorney of record at the hearing held on 5/17/62. HALES stated that [redacted] had authorized him to make the arrangements concerning the contact with [redacted]. HALES advised that he is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia.

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On the morning of 5/16/62, in accordance with arrangements previously made on 5/15/62, SAs [redacted] appeared at the apartment of [redacted] Virginia. [redacted] opened the door slightly while keeping the chain latch fastened. [redacted] stated [redacted] by Mr. HALES. Agents inquired whether Mr. HALES was an attorney, and [redacted] stated "Yes." Agents inquired whether Mr. HALES was representing [redacted] as her attorney and [redacted] responded "Yes." [redacted] stated Mr. HALES had instructed Miss JONES that Miss JONES should not consent to being interviewed by anyone without permission of Mr. HALES and that without exception, Mr. HALES would have to be present during any such interviews.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a LHM for information which is self-explanatory. Also enclosed is one copy each of the memo to Dallas and El Paso.

Interviews in the attached memo were conducted by SAs _____

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May 15, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On May 15, 1962, Edward M. Loweree, Chief, Division of Investigation, Office of Personnel, Room 402W, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Washington, D.C., furnished the following information to Special Agents (SAs) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

[redacted] USDA, is presently on sick leave. He did not know where she could be located. He stated her resident address is [redacted] Virginia, telephone number [redacted] according to USDA records.

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[redacted] Dominion Towers Apartments, advised [redacted] that she did not know [redacted] private phone number, and that the apartment switchboard had no telephone line into [redacted] apartment. She stated [redacted] was expected momentarily.

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[redacted] North Carolina, advised she was staying with her [redacted] She stated she and her sister were awaiting the arrival of a taxicab to transport them to the office of [redacted] Virginia. She stated for this reason her sister could not be interviewed until after the doctor's appointment. She stated that she was visiting [redacted] on advice from [redacted]

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D.C. [redacted] had telephonically contacted [redacted] in North Carolina and recommended that she visit [redacted] as [redacted] needed her.

[redacted] Virginia, advised that [redacted] visited his office for the first time during the afternoon of Tuesday, May 15, 1962. She had been recommended to his

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office by another physician, whose name he could not recall. He provided [redacted]

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He said he has not rendered a diagnosis in [redacted] case since he has to await the results of his various tests. He has arranged to have [redacted] appear at his office for future appointments.

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[redacted]

Virginia, was contacted upon her return from the office of [redacted] was placed under oath. After a few questions, she requested that the interview be terminated today as she was extremely fatigued. She explained that for the better part of the morning of May 15, 1962, she had been extensively interviewed and had photographs taken by representatives of "Life" magazine, and had related in detail to them the full details concerning her [redacted]. [redacted] She stated, in addition, she had just finished approximately two and one-half hours medical examination interrogation by [redacted].

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[redacted] agreed to be interviewed by SAs of the FBI at 10:00 a.m., May 16, 1962.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /58-497/ 2P

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RE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE TELETYPE MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

ON MAY FIFTEEN INSTANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALCOT, LTD., A COTTON MARKETING COOPERATIVE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CALIFORNIA,

ADVISED SA [REDACTED] HE FIRST MET DR. JAMES T. RALPH
IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY AT AN AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL
MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

ADVISED DR. RALPH WAS HEAD OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT OF
STATE OF CALIFORNIA PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT WITH U. S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

STATED AS HE RECALLS HE SAW
DR. RALPH ON FOUR OCCASIONS IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE, TWICE IN
WASHINGTON, D.C., ONCE AT A MEETING IN SANTA BARBARA,
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CALIFORNIA, AND ONCE AT A MEETING IN CARMEL, CALIFORNIA.

[REDACTED] EXPLAINED ALL HIS CONTACTS WITH DR. RALPH WERE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CALCOT INDUSTRY.

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[REDACTED] SAID HIS ONLY CONTACT WITH DR. RALPH THIS YEAR WAS A TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIM EARLIER THIS YEAR AT WHICH TIME DR. RALPH ADVISED HE HAD BEEN RELIEVED OF HIS POSITION WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

STATED HE GAINED IMPRESSION DR. RALPH WAS KIDDING HIM ABOUT THE JOB AND WHEN DR. RALPH MENTIONED HE MIGHT ACCEPT A POSITION IN PHILLIPPINE ISLANDS, HE TOLD DR. RALPH HE SHOULD ACCEPT. [REDACTED] SAID THIS COMMENT

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APPARENTLY STOPPED ANY REQUEST OF HIM BY DR. RALPH FOR A JOB. [REDACTED] SAID HE HAS HAD NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH DR. RALPH, AND HAS NEVER KNOWN HIM OTHER THAN IN CONTACTS AS A CALCOT INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVE.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704 AND SAC, SAN ANTONIO 87-5025
FROM SAC, HOUSTON 58-111 6P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP. BRIBERY. RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO HOUSTON
AND SAN ANTONIO, FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYTWO.

ASCS OFFICIALS, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT
IN EARLY NINETEEN SIXTYONE A NEW FEED GRAIN PROGRAM WAS
INSTITUTED BY USDA, WASHINGTON, AND CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE
BROUGHT TO BEAR ON TEXAS TO ADAPT PROGRAM. HENRY MARSHALL
WAS CONSEQUENTLY TREMENDOUSLY OVER WORKED AND SEVERAL
MONTHS PRIOR TO DEATH ON JUNE THREE SIXTYONE WAS EXHAUSTED
TO POINT OF COLASPE. MARSHALL WAS KNOWN TO HAVE SUFFERED
FROM HEART ATTACK IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT AND AFTERWARDS
HAD A COT PLACED IN OFFICE TO REST ON DURING NOON HOUR.
TOOK SLEEPING PILLS AND WEIGHT CONTROL PILLS AND CLAIMED
IF HE COULD KEEP HIS WEIGHT DOWN HIS HEART WOULD BE OKAY.
MARSHALL NOT KNOWN TO HAVE FINANCIAL OR FAMILY PROBLEMS

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TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES, BUT DUE TO RETICENT NATURE, NEVER WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED PERSONAL PROBLEMS HAD THEY EXISTED.

OFFICIALS, ASCS, COMMENTED IN REFERENCE TO A UPI PRESS RELEASE MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C., FIVE FOURTEEN SIXTYTWO BY W. LEWIS DAVID, STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ASCS, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN WASHINGTON, WHEREIN DAVID RELATED MARSHALL WAS MAN WHO GOT FIRST DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT SUSPICION OF ESTES ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN COTTON ACREAGE ALLOTMENTS, THAT SUCH REFERENCE WAS INCORRECT ASSUMPTION. OFFICIALS ADVISED MARSHALL WAS NO MORE INVOLVED WITH COTTON ALLOTMENTS THAN HIS ASSISTANT [REDACTED] OR OTHERS. IN REFERENCE TO DAVID-S PRESS RELEASE, [REDACTED] STATED THAT IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY, THE ASCS OFFICE MANAGER OF HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS, OBTAINED A BLANK SALES CONTRACT FROM REEVES COUNTY AND FORWARDED IT TO MARSHALL-S OFFICE, WHICH CONTRACT WAS DEEMED TO OPERATE AS A DEVICE FOR THE SALE OF POOLED COTTON ALLOTMENTS TO

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A PERSON OTHER THAN THE DISPLACED OWNER. [] TRANSMITTED THIS CONTRACT TO USDA, WASHINGTON. IN APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTYONE A SIMILAR BLANK CONTRACT CAME TO ATTENTION OF ASCS IN ALABAMA, WHO IN TURN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON AND EMERY JACOBS, USDA, SUBMITTED COPY OF CONTRACT TO ALABAMA AND TEXAS ASCS OFFICES BY LETTER DATED FOUR TWELVE SIXTYONE, STATING SUCH CONTRACTS WERE NOT APPROVED. AT THAT TIME

[] AND MARSHALL FELT ESTES WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALABAMA CONTRACT SINCE HE WAS ONLY ONE INVOLVED IN OUT-OF-STATE PURCHASE OF COTTON ALLOTMENTS. OTHER THAN ABOVE SUSPICION, NO EVIDENCE KNOWN TO MARSHALL OR [] OF ANY VIOLATION OF USDA RULES BY ESTES.

[] HENRY MARSHALL, BRYAN, TEXAS, INTERVIEWED, FIVE FIFTEEN SIXTYTWO, AND STATED HUSBAND SUFFERED HEART ATTACK OCTOBER, NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT, AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXERCISED PRUDENT CARE TO AVOID RECURRENCE. LAST SIX MONTHS OF LIFE MARSHALL PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTED, BUT
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OTHERWISE NOT ILL. NEVER HAD ^LLUMP ON HEAD OR BODY WHICH HE BELIEVED MALIGNANT. NO INDICATION OF FORGETFULNESS, MENTAL DEPRESSION, OR SUICIDIAL TENDENCIES. [REDACTED]

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WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED WHEN HER HUSBAND WAS ALONE, ESPECIALLY ON THEIR RANCH NEAR FRANKLIN, TEXAS, FOR FEAR OF RECURRING HEART ATTACK AND NO ONE BEING AVAILABLE TO HELP. CONSEQUENTLY MARSHALL-S FAMILY WAS APPRISED TO HAVE SOMEONE ^NHEAR MARSHALL AT ALL TIMES.

MARRIAGE WAS SERENE, NO DOMESTIC OR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY, NO MARITAL ARGUMENTS, FIGHTS OR DISSATISFACTION. MARSHALL COSIGNED A NOTE FOR ACQUAINTANCE IN FRANKLIN, TEXAS, [REDACTED] FOUR YEARS AGO, WHO THEREAFTER COULD NOT PAY OBLIGATION AND MARSHALL FORCED TO ASSUME NOTE.

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ONE NOTE WAS FOR TWENTYSIX HUNDRED DOLLARS WHICH MARSHALL PAID OFF IN LUMP SUM. ANOTHER NOTE WAS ALSO INVOLVED BUT [REDACTED] UNAWARE OF DETAILS, ADMITS SHE WAS UPSET

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WITH HUSBAND-S ACTIONS CONCERNING THESE NOTES BUT NEVER
UNDULY BERATED HIM. MARSHALL THEREAFTER ATTEMPTED TO
COLLECT MONEY FROM [REDACTED] BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL AND WAS
OWED ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN DOLLARS BY

[REDACTED] AT TIME OF DEATH. MARSHALL HAD BEEN VERY UPSET
OVER UNCOLLECTIBILITY OF THIS MONEY AND [REDACTED]
ATTITUDE. THE COMMENT RECALLED MADE BY [REDACTED]
TO SHERIFF HOWARD STEGALL WHEN INFORMED OF HUSBAND-S
DEATH WAS IN REFERENCE TO [REDACTED] ACTION HAVING CAUSED
HUSBAND-S DEATH, WHICH SHE ORIGINALLY BELIEVED RESULTED
FROM HEART ATTACK. CLAIMS SHE MADE NO REMARK TO
SHERIFF INDICATING FEAR OF SUICIDE. WITH REGARD TO
MARSHALL PLACING PERSONAL EFFECTS^{EC} ON TRUCK SEAT PRIOR
TO DEATH, SHE STATED SUCH WAS ALWAYS HIS CUSTOM AS HE WAS
A ROUTINE ORDERLY MAN. [REDACTED] CLAIMS RESIDENTS OF
FRANKLIN, TEXAS ALWAYS HAVE BEEN JEALOUS OF THE MARSHALL-S
SUCCESS IN BUSINESS, ETC. SHERIFF STEGALL PARTICULARLLY
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ENVOIOUS AND ALLEGED TO NEVER HAVE GOTTEN ALONG WELL WITH MARSHALLS. RUMORS ALWAYS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN FRANKLIN AGAINST THE MARSHALLS, ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING HUSBAND-S DEATH, ALL OF WHICH STEGALL AND HIS RELATIVES ARE ACCUSED OF STARTING, SUCH RUMORS CONCERNED INFIDELITY ON PART OF BOTH MARSHALLS, THAT THEY WERE SEPARATED AND DIVORCE IMMINENT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH, ETC. STEGALL ALLEGEDLY VERY UNHAPPY WITH WITH [REDACTED] OR REFUSAL TO ACCEPT DEATH VERDICT OF HER HUSBAND. MARSHALL NEVER DISCUSSED BUSINESS WITH WIFE AND NO MENTION EVER MADE OF ESTES. NO ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS CONTEMPLATED.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *WBW*

DATE: May 15, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
 INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
 STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to advise that as a result of information verified through Bureau investigation the Department of Agriculture on the evening of May 15, 1962, announced the firing of Dr. James T. Ralph.

of the Criminal Division advised that Ralph was fired for making long distance telephone calls at Estes' expense. Our investigation had shown that Dr. Ralph made several long distance calls through the use of a credit card number issued to Estes. This information was disseminated to the Department.

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Ralph was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture until February 16, 1962, at which time he was demoted and since that time he had been in training with the Foreign Agriculture Service to become Agricultural Attache in the Philippine Islands.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

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ReButel call 5/15/62.

On 5/15/62. SA ANDREW J. SHANNON telephonically
contacted [redacted]
[redacted] Md. (telephone [redacted]) in
order to arrange an interview with him.

[redacted]
[redacted] D. C. (telephone [redacted]) advised he
would be willing to see Agents on 5/16/62. He stated he
had a full schedule of appointments on this date and
requested Agents to contact him on a. m. 5/16/62, to
arrange a definite time for the interview.

WFO will contact and interview [redacted] on
5/16/62.

ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI 29-28704, SAC DALLAS 58-188, SAC
EL PASO, 58-59 AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE 87-8242
FROM SAC, BUTTE 58-35 -P- 3P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL. BRIBERY. CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
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RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY FOURTEEN LAST.

[REDACTED] MONTANA
WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION, HELENA, MONT, TODAY ADVISED.

HE FIRST MET DR. JAMES T. RALPH AT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
IN WASHINGTON, D. C., JANUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYONE, IN REGARD TO
EXTENSION OF WOOL ACT OF NINETEEN FIFTYFOUR. HE HAD LUNCH
WITH RALPH ONCE LATER IN THE YEAR. HE REQUESTED RALPH TO
SPEAK ON MARKETING ORDERS AT MONTANA WOOLGROWERS ASSOCIATION
CONVENTION, BILLINGS, MONTANA, DECEMBER SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYONE.
HE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF U. S. SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD OF
MONTANA IN OBTAINING RALPH AS SPEAKER. RALPH APPEARED AT
THE CONVENTION, DURING THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY EIGHTEEN LAST,

[REDACTED] RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL AT HIS HELENA HOME, TELEPHONE

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RALPH SAID HE HAD BEEN FIRED BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FREEMAN FOR USING POOR JUDGMENT IN THE THINGS HE SAID IN SPEECHES. RALPH SAID HE WAS FIRED FOR DIFFERENCES ON FARM PROGRAM POLICIES. RALPH ASKED [REDACTED] TO CONTACT SENATOR MANSFIELD TO INTERCEDE IN HIS BEHALF AND SAY THAT HE, [REDACTED] HAD HEARD OF RALPH-S DISMISSAL FROM CALIFORNIA PEOPLE, NAMES NOT RECALLED.

[REDACTED] SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD ON FEBRUARY NINETEEN LAST.

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(QUOTE RECEIVED WORD FROM CALIFORNIA THIS MORNING THAT DR. JAMES RALPH WAS BEING REMOVED AS AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE. STOP. I WOULD URGE YOU TO INTERCEDE IN HIS BEHALF AS HE IS CERTAINLY A WONDERFUL SALESMAN FOR THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION. STOP. HIS APPROACH TO FARM PROBLEMS APPEARS REALISTIC AND WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY OUR MEMBERS AT OUR CONVENTION IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYONE. STOP. END PAGE TWO

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A CHECK WITH CLAIR ENGLE MIGHT BE WELL WORTH WHILE. STOP.
END QUOTE.)

NEXT AND LAST PERSONAL CONTACT WITH RALPH WAS IN
WASHINGTON, D. C. ON APRIL SIX LAST, WHEN RALPH REQUESTED HE
RECOMMEND HIM AS SECRETARY OF AMERICAN SHEEP PRODUCERS COUNCIL.
HE DID NOT RECOMMEND RALPH FOR THE POSITION.
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TO. DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM. SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/

AND OTHERS

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

DAILY SUMMARY. ^{BUREAU}REBU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY. TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL WILSON AND DICK WELLS, TEXAS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUSTIN, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT THREE ITEMS CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE EIGHT NAUGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, CHECK NO. EIGHT THREE SIX NINE IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND CHECK EIGHT THREE SIX EIGHT IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS FOURTEEN CENTS DATED JANUARY SIXTEEN LAST, DRAWN ON FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS, TEXAS, AND PAYABLE TO THE BANK WERE NOT CHARGED TO QUOTE "WASHINGTON PROJECT" UNQUOTE BUT WENT INTO THE CASHIERS CHECKS. STATED ESTES RECEIVER WOULD NOT PERMIT STATES ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE TO TRACE THESE CASHIERS CHECKS. WILL WILSON AND DICK WELLS ADVISED DO NOT KNOW WHAT ACCOUNT WASHINGTON PROJECT IS AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE WHY ACCOUNT SET UP BUT THAT AMOUNTS TO OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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THEY ADVISED THAT TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE BASICALLY INTERESTED IN ANTITRUST ACTION AGAINST ESTES AND WASHINGTON PROJECT ACCOUNT NOT SIGNIFICANT AT TIME. ACCORDING TO WELLS, [REDACTED] AUDITOR, b6 b7c GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, DALLAS, TEXAS, ASSIGNED TO WORK WITH MC CLELLAN COMMITTEE, BELIEVED TO HAVE A LIST OF TRANSACTIONS UNDER WASHINGTON PROJECT. [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE IN PECOS TODAY.

VARIOUS NEWSPAPER REPORTERS FROM CHICAGO TRIBUNE, NEW YORK TIMES, LIFE, WALL STREET JOURNAL, TIME, NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE AND DALLAS MORNING NEWS AT TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE AND HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO EXAMINE EVERYTHING OBTAINED BY ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE EXCEPT MATERIAL OBTAINED BY ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE UNDER A VISITORIAL LETTER.

WILL WILSON IS TO FILE AN ANTITRUST CASE IN AMARILLO, POTTER COUNTY, TEXAS, TOMORROW MAY FIFTEEN.

✓ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, WAS NOT ASKED TO CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION AT THE TIME OF HENRY H. MARSHALS DEATH.
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY^(DPS) LAB MADE SOME EXAMINATIONS. LABORATORY RECORDS REFLECT ON JUNE FIVE, SIXTY ONE, SHERIFF HOWARD STEGALE, ROBERTSON COUNTY, FRANKLIN, TEXAS, REQUESTED EXAMINATION OF ONE SHIRT, ONE PAIR OF TROUSERS, ONE PAIR SHORTS AND ONE WHITE HANDKERCHIEF TO DETERMINE PRESENCE OF POWDER PARTICLES. BY LETTER DATED JUNE SEVEN SIXTY ONE, DPS LAB. ADVISED SHERIFF SOME POWDER PARTICLES WERE FOUND ON THE SHIRT. NO POWDER PARTICLES FOUND ON ANY OTHER CLOTHING. ON JUNE NINE, SIXTY ONE, SHERIFF REQUESTED DPS TO EXAMINE ONE TWENTY TWO WESTERN CARTRIDGE CASE FOUND IN TWENTY TWO RIFLE LOCATED AT SCENE OF DEATH AND TWO CARTRIDGE CASES. BY LETTER DATED JULY ELEVEN SIXTY ONE, DPS ADVISED THAT ALL THREE HAVE BEEN FIRED BY SAME GUN.

DPS ADVISED THAT IN VIEW OF ESTES CASE, CAPTAIN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WACO, TEXAS INSTRUCTED TO LOOK INTO SITUATION AT

FRANKLIN, TEXAS.

ON MAY FOURTEEN INSTANT, [REDACTED]

HEARNE, TEXAS, ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION OF HENRY MARSHALL-S

DEATH BY [REDACTED] ^{SHERIFF'S OFFICE,} SO, HE REVIEWED RESULTS AND WAS SATISFIED WITH THE VERDICT OF SUICIDE. HE PERSONALLY TALKED WITH [REDACTED] MARSHALS

[REDACTED] WHO TOLD HIM THAT MARSHAL HAD ACTED STRANGELY FOR

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SEVERAL WEEKS PRECEDING HIS DEATH. ALSO THAT HE HAD A BAD HEART AND RESTED EVERY DAY. ALSO THAT HE HAD A KNOT ON HIS BACK WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A CANCER. [] STATED THAT A LAB INVESTIGATION BY DPS, AUSTIN, TEXAS, REVEALED THAT AN EMPTY POINT TWENTY TWO SHELL FOUND NEAR MARSHALS BODY WAS FIRED BY MARSHALS GUN WHICH WAS FOUND NEAR THE BODY. ALSO THAT THERE WERE POWDER PARTICLES ON MARSHALS SHIRT. [] ADVISED ALL EVIDENCE POINTED TOWARD SUICIDE AND THAT NOTHING DEVELOPED TO DATE INDICATING OTHERWISE. NEWSPAPER MORGUES HAVE BEEN CHECKED AND PERTINENT STORIES SECURED.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

The Attorney General

May 17, 1962

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIDGWAY
ANTITRUST - ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to my letter dated May 14, 1962, regarding this matter.

The Civil Rights Division has requested that investigation be conducted to determine whether or not a violation of Title 18, Section 608(a), United States Code, is involved in this matter.

This request for an Election Law investigation was discussed on May 16, 1962, with [redacted] of the Civil Rights Division. In accordance with this discussion, we will interview the individual who allegedly saw the card which purportedly shows that Estes is a \$100,000 sustaining member of the "National Democratic Party."

We will also contact the Democratic National Committee for any pertinent information it may be able to furnish. Mr. Hume Cofer, Attorney for Estes, has stated that he would not make Estes available for interview and consequently he will not be contacted concerning any possible Election Law violation. Any additional investigation which may be necessary to prove or disprove any Election Law violation on the part of Estes will be conducted.

[redacted] Antitrust Division advised on May 16, 1962, that at this time the Antitrust Division does not contemplate requesting this Bureau to conduct investigation relative to any possible Antitrust

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- 1- Mr. Mohr
- 1- Mr. DeLoach
- 1- Mr. Evans

NOTE: See memo Rosen to Belmont, same caption, MAY 18 1962, same date, EJM:mc.

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violations in connection with this matter. No investigation will be conducted regarding any Antitrust violations by this Bureau in the absence of a specific request from the Antitrust Division.

Results of the requested Election Law investigation will be furnished the Civil Rights Division immediately upon completion.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Lee Loovinger
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (29-351)(P)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES;
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ReButel to Dallas, San Antonio, El Paso, and
WFO dated May 11, 1962, and El Paso teletype to the Bureau
dated May 14, 1962.

There is enclosed herewith for the Bureau an
original and three copies of a letterhead memorandum
reflecting investigation into the death of GEORGE ANDREW
KRUTILEK.

The only apparent connection between MARSHALL's
death and KRUTILEK's death is their affiliation with BILLIE
SOL ESTES.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

May 11, 1962

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LILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to confirm a discussion between [redacted] of the Department and Special Agent Thomas W. Curran of this Bureau on May 10, 1962.

The discussion concerned the fact that [redacted] of the Department had requested the San Antonio Office of the FBI to check all bank accounts of Estes or any of his known enterprises for the period January 1, 1959, through April 30, 1962. [redacted] indicated he was interested in obtaining a transcript of the bank accounts and identified five banks as having such accounts.

[redacted] also stated he would like to have the receiver, referee, or trustee of the Estes enterprises contacted to see if he has any records or bank accounts for the subject.

It was pointed out that our Dallas files indicate that, in addition to the banks mentioned by [redacted] there were many others having accounts of Estes or his corporation, and the Dallas Office had suggested that it would be more feasible to have the El Paso Office check books and records turned over to the receiver with particular reference to cash disbursement ledgers and cancelled checks which would disclose the information [redacted] desired.

It was also pointed out that there was a very serious question about the legality of going to the receiver for checks, checkbooks, and cash disbursement ledgers of Estes as proposed. It was pointed out that the Assistant United States Attorney, El Paso, does not entirely discount the fact that since the receiving procedure involving Estes is not a bankruptcy procedure but only a procedure for the arrangement of unsecured debts under Chapter 11, process such as a search warrant could not be lawfully secured. Further, informal access to the records

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Dalbey

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could taint all the evidence secured in the Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property case against Estes and his associates.

With reference to the legal question set out above, advised that the Department would resolve the matter and advise us.

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A discussion was also had concerning material which the Bureau has arranged to receive from the First National Bank of Pecos. It was pointed out that this material consists of 103 pages of ledger sheets with approximately 200 items on each page.

In connection with the above, it was agreed that they will be retained at the Bureau on microfilm until a further request is received from the Department, at which time they will be properly reproduced as quickly as possible.

In view of the fact that if we can proceed through the receiver legally we will not need to go to each bank, that phase of the investigation will be held in abeyance until advice is received from the Department.

GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Date 5/10/62

On 5/7/62, Criminal

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Division, requested bank accounts of Estes and Estes Enterprises be examined from 1/1/59 through 4/30/62 in five banks in Texas and that "transcript of bank accounts" be secured and forwarded to the Criminal Division. First National Bank, Pecos, Texas has 168 ledger pages containing a total of approximately 30,000 items. Dallas suggested El Paso consider reviewing Estes' records in possession of receiver, either through consent or under subpoena, in order to determine unusual withdrawals of cash and possible use of same. El Paso raises question of legality of this procedure in that it might harm current fraud case against Estes and others. Matter will be discussed with Department today and field advised.

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TO - DIRECTOR, FBI, ATTENTION - GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
AND SAC, DALLAS

FROM - SAC, EL PASO "58-59" 3-PAGES

also known as, ~~AND OTHERS,~~
BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ~~ET. AL.~~, BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST.
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RE SAN ANTONIO TEL AND BUTEL MAY SEVEN, LAST, DALLAS TEL MAY
EIGHT, LAST, AND CALL FROM MR. WELTE OF THE BUREAU MAY NINE, LAST,
ON THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF ESTES- BANK ACCOUNTS FOR LARGE SUM
WITHDRAWALS.

THERE IS A VERY SERIOUS LEGAL QUESTION IN MY MIND ABOUT THE
LEGALITY OF GOING TO THE RECEIVER FOR THE CHECKS, CHECKBOOKS AND
CASH DISBURSEMENT LEDGERS OF ESTES AS PROPOSED BY DALLAS IN ITS
REFERENCED TELETYPE, Assistant United States Attorney
REFTEL. I HAVE THE IMPRESSION WHICH THE AUSA IN EL PASO DOES NOT
ENTIRELY DISCOUNT THAT SINCE THE RECEIVERSHIP PROCEEDING IS NOT A
BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING BUT IS ONLY A PROCEEDING FOR THE ARRANGEMENT
OF UNSECURED DEBTS UNDER CHAPTER ELEVEN THAT PROCESS SUCH AS A
SEARCH WARRANT COULD NOT BE LAWFULLY SECURED FOR ACCESS TO THOSE
RECORDS AND INFORMAL ACCESS TO THE RECORDS COULD TAINT ALL THE 5 MAY 18 1962
EVIDENCE SECURED IN THE ~~ITSP~~ ^{Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property} CASE AGAINST ESTES, MC SPADDEN, ORR,
AND ALEXANDER IN THE ~~NDT~~ ^{WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property} AND THE POSSIBLE ~~ITSP~~ ^{NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS,} CASE AGAINST MC SPADDEN
IN THE ~~NDT~~.

CERTAINLY THE PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY DALLAS OF SECURING BANKING
INFORMATION FROM THE RECEIVER IS MUCH MORE PRACTICABLE THAN

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ATTEMPTING TO REVIEW ALL THE RECORDS OF ALL THE BANKS IN WHICH ESTES MIGHT BE INVOLVED BUT BEFORE ANY SUCH EFFORT IS MADE I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THAT THE BUREAU CLEAR WITH THE DEPARTMENT THE LEGALITY OF APPROACHING THE RECEIVER EITHER WITH OR WITHOUT PROCESS AND THE FURTHER QUESTION OF WHAT EFFECT SUCH A SEARCH WOULD HAVE ON THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE ALREADY SECURED.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO CONSIDER THE FOREGOING IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN PECOS ABOUT ESTES- BANK ACCOUNTS.

ESTES- BANK ACCOUNT AT THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PECOS CONSISTS OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT PAGES OF LEDGER SHEETS WITH APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED ITEMS ON EACH PAGE. THIS HAS BEEN MICROFILMED AND THE MICROFILM WILL BE FORWARDED THE BUREAU THIS EVENING. THIS IS MERELY A TRANSCRIPT OF THE LEDGER SHEETS.

SPECIAL AGENT

ADVISED -SA-

TODAY IN CONNECTION WITH ESTES- BANKING AFFAIRS THAT IT WAS A VERY COMMON PRACTICE FOR ESTES TO DRAW CHECKS TO CASH, LITERALLY WITHDRAW CASH FROM THE BUSINESS AND CHARGE IT EITHER TO HIS "DRAWING ACCOUNT" OR HIS "CONTRACT LABOR ACCOUNT." THERE WAS NO ACTUAL ACCOUNTING IN MANY, MANY INSTANCES FOR THE PROCEEDS OF ESTES- CASH CHECKS IN EITHER OF THESE ACCOUNTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TOTAL

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CHARGES TO ESTES- "DRAWING ACCOUNT" IN NINETEEN SIXTYONE WERE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTYONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTYSIX DOLLARS, AND FORTY-FOUR CENTS. WHILE THERE ARE VOUCHERS WHICH SUPPORT SOME OF THESE CHARGES, THERE ARE INNUMERABLE TRANSACTIONS WHICH ARE COMPLETELY UNSUPPORTED BY VOUCHERS OR ANY INDICATION OF WHAT DISPOSITION WAS MADE OF THE PROCEEDS OF "CASH" CHECKS.

ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

Mr. Benjamin

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ST TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 11, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
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This is to advise of the selection of Special Agent Accountant Coy M. Ivy to assist the Department of Justice on a consulting basis in reviewing the accounting aspects of the case and preparing scheduling for the assistance of the Department.

The Department has requested that an accountant familiar with accounting techniques and scheduling be assigned to assist the Department attorneys in checking into the financial arrangements between Billie Sol Estes and the Commercial Solvents Corporation (CSC). CSC is a large New York corporation which has extended millions of dollars of credit to Estes without or in spite of adequate knowledge of his credit. The Department is in possession of voluminous records reflecting the financial transactions between Estes and Commercial Solvents Corporation. It is entirely possible that the corporation itself may be in violation of Federal law.

An addendum setting forth the qualifications of Special Agent Accountant Ivy is attached.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that SAA Ivy be approved for rendering assistance to Departmental attorneys and, if approved, the Department will be furnished the name of SAA Ivy and he will be instructed to assist the Department.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Mohr

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ADDENDUM:

Information Regarding SAA Coy M. Ivy

SAA Coy M. Ivy entered on duty 9/29/41 as a student fingerprint classifier and became a Special Agent Accountant on 8/16/48. He has been rated as a "fully qualified" accountant since 1955. He possesses a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree (accounting major) from Southeastern University, Washington, D. C. He had no accounting experience prior to Bureau employment.

He has proven his ability as a Bureau accountant and prior to his assignment to Washington Field Office on 2/11/62 was used in the Chicago Office as a relief supervisor on the Criminal-Accounting Desk. He served on special assignment with the investigative staff of the House Appropriations Committee on 8/24/59 to 10/19/59. In his most recent performance rating he is described as a "fully qualified" accountant who has unquestionable ability to initiate, organize, coordinate and investigate any major Bureau accounting case, regardless of complexity. His performance rating also shows him to have outstanding ability to perform in a commendable manner when under pressure. A review of his personnel file shows him to be described at various times as a hard worker, industrious, one who can be depended upon to perform any assignment in a creditable fashion and having definite capabilities of handling involved and complex accounting investigations.

He has been rated as "excellent" in his last seven annual performance ratings. He was censured on 2/9/60 because his supervision of a Fraud Against the Government case was not carried out with the thoroughness and efficiency expected by the Bureau in that he neglected to insure that the Bureau was promptly advised of the reason for delay encountered in the investigation. He was censured on 3/16/62 for having approved an investigative report in an Ascertaining Financial Ability case, which had received delinquent handling and for not having taken appropriate action to fix responsibility for the dereliction. He has been commended on four occasions since his appointment as a Special Agent Accountant.

This man is six feet tall and makes an excellent personal appearance.

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

URGENT 5-9-62 4-01 PM MST JPM

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC EL PASO "58-59" 3 P

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL., ITSP - BRIBERY.

Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property

REQUEST FOR ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTANTS TO EL PASO ON SPECIAL.

I AM EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO REQUEST THE ASSIGNMENT OF TWO ACCOUNTANTS TO EL PASO ON SPECIAL, BUT I FEEL THAT THE VOLUME AND URGENCY OF ACCOUNTING MATTERS TO BE HANDLED IN THIS DIVISION REQUIRE THIS. EL PASO HAS SEVENTY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF DAYS OF GENERAL ACCOUNTING WORK. THIS IS A REASONABLY ACCURATE ESTIMATE AND SAID WORK CONSISTS OF A COURT OF CLAIMS CASE, ANTI-TRUST CASES AND FRA CASES. FOR EXAMPLE, I HAVE THE SENIOR RA AT MIDLAND WHO HAS NO TRAINING IN ACCOUNTING HANDLING A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR SHORTAGE IN THE WINKLER COUNTY STATE BANK, WINK, TEXAS, A MATTER WHICH HAD TO BE HANDLED URGENTLY.

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IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING WORK, THERE IS ACCOUNTING WORK IN THE BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST ASPECT AND IN THE ITSP ASPECT OF THE ESTES CASE. AS OF THIS MOMENT, THERE IS LITTLE OR NO OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING WORK IN THE EL PASO DIVISION IN THE BRIBERY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST ASPECT OF THE ESTES CASE. THERE IS PENDING A DECISION WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE QUITE A BIT OF ACCOUNTING WORK IN THE

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Mention Mr. Hayes & Mrs. Maher
5/10/62; W.H.H.

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BANKS IN THIS PHASE OF THE CASE. SUCH WORK AS WILL COME UP IN THE BRIBERY AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST ASPECTS OF THE ESTES CASE WILL REQUIRE EXTREMELY URGENT HANDLING.

THE ACCOUNTING WORK IN THE ITSP ASPECT OF THE ESTES CASE IS MUCH MORE TANGIBLE AND CONCRETE. RECORDS SEIZED UNDER SEARCH WARRANT FROM BILLIE SOL ESTES ENTERPRISES AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REVIEWED AND HANDLED. HOWEVER, ABOUT TEN DAYS OF ACCOUNTING WORK REMAIN IN HANDLING THESE RECORDS.

SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY RECORDS --

BUREAU WILL RECALL THAT SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO. WAS THE ALLEGED MANUFACTURER OF ALL THE NONEXISTENT ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TANKS WHICH FIGURED IN THE ITSP ASPECT OF THE ESTES CASE. THE RECORDS OF THE SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO. LOCATED AT AMARILLO, TEXAS, WERE SURRENDERED UNDER SUBPOENA BY THE OFFICERS OF SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO. AND THERE ARE INNUMERABLE GAPS IN THOSE RECORDS WHICH ARE LOCATED AT THE PRESENT TIME IN THE OFFICE OF THE USM IN EL PASO. THESE RECORDS WILL HAVE TO BE RECONSTRUCTED AT LEAST IN PART. IT IS OBVIOUS FROM THE ABSENCE OF GENERAL LEDGERS, VOUCHERS, VOUCHER REGISTERS, AND PRODUCTION RECORDS THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND

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VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT WAS MADE TO OMIT CRITICAL SUPERIOR MANUFACTURING CO. RECORDS. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING A BASIS FOR A CHARGE OF CONTEMPT BY THE OFFICERS OF SUPERIOR PAREN IN THEIR FAILURE TO PRODUCE RECORDS AS REQUIRED BY THE COURT CLOSE PAREN THERE IS THE UNRESOLVED QUESTION OF PRODUCTION BY SUPERIOR OF TANKS. THIS IS THE PIVOTAL QUESTION IN THE ITSP ASPECT OF THE ESTES CASE.

A CONSERVATIVE FIGURE OF THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO RE-CONSTRUCT SUPERIOR-S RECORDS IS FORTY-FIVE TO SIXTY DAYS. THERE IS DISCUSSION OF PROCEEDING AGAINST MC SPADDEN ON SUBSTANTIVE ITSP COUNTS IN THE NDT. THE ^{Assistant United States Attorney} AUSA IN EL PASO IS ANXIOUS TO "TIDY UP" THE INDICTMENT OUTSTANDING AGAINST ESTES, MC SPADDEN, ORR AND ALEXANDER IN THE WDT.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO SEND TWO ACCOUNTANTS, THE MORE EXPERIENCED THE BETTER, TO EL PASO FOR A THREE-WEEK PERIOD EACH.

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~~BETWEEN WORDS NINE AND TEN~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: May 10, 1962

FROM : W. S. HYDE *WSH*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, ET AL
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	
Callahan	
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Malone	✓
Rosen	✓
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In accordance with approval given to send two Accountants to the El Paso Office on special for a three-week period on the teletype dated May 9, 1962, from SAC, El Paso, one Special Agent Accountant has been ordered sent from the San Antonio Office and one from the Denver Office. Both offices were advised that the Special Agent Accountants reporting on special should plan to report, if possible, on Friday, May 11, 1962, or at the latest on Saturday, May 12, 1962. Both ASAC Harrington of the Denver Office and SAC Williams of the San Antonio Office were instructed that they should select fully qualified Accountants capable of handling the involved work in this case and they advised they would select well-qualified individuals.

SAC Crosby of the El Paso Office is aware that the employees are arriving.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Movement Unit

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Date: 5/14/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al
BRIBERY; COI
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Re El Paso tel to Director and WFO 5/12/62.

Check of ESTES' enterprises not being conducted
until receipt of complete info from El Paso.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Dallas (Info) (AMSD)
- 1 - El Paso (58-59) (Info) (AMSD)
- 1 - WFO

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FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

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BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al
BRIBERY; COI
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ReButel call to WFO 5/14/62.

In view of the voluminous requests from the Department and the major investigation entailed in connection with captioned case, WFO, effective 5/14/62, will set up a special indices in this case.

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1 - WFO
GEN:SKF

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TO SAC SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL., BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

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URGENT 5-14-62 6-27 PM CST JWD

TO. DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/

FROM. SAC, SAN ANTONIO /87-5025/

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY-CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

REBUTEL TO HOUSTON AND SAN ANTONIO TODAY INSTRUCTING HOUSTON TO
PRESS VIGOROUSLY INVESTIGATION SET FORTH IN SAN ANTONIO TEL
MAY TWELVE LAST. IN VIEW OF BUTEL, BUREAU REQUESTED TO SUTEL
IF INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HENRY MARSHAL SHOULD BE CONDUCTED AT FRANKLIN, TEXAS

BY THIS OFFICE

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cc: Curran

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TO SAC SAN ANTONIO

FROM DIRECTOR 1 P

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Date: 5/16/62

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Via TELETYPE

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704) AND SAC, DALLAS (58-188)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, AKA, ET AL, ITSP, BRIBERY, COI.
 AND WFO TELCALL MAY SIXTEEN INSTANT.
 REBUTEL MAY FOURTEEN LAST. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED

BY US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AT DALLAS, TEXAS. CLARENCE

HILARY MOSELEY, [REDACTED] F. WAINWRIGHT BLEASE,

[REDACTED] PEARLIE MAITLAND MILLER, LEE ROGERS WANNER.

DALLAS HANDLE. ESTES REPORTED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.P.

2-Bureau
 2-Teletype Unit
 1-El Paso (58-59) (BY MAIL)
 2-WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka; et al
ITSP; BRIBERY; COI
(OO: DL)

Dr. JAMES T. RALPH was interviewed at WFO 5/14/62,
but will be unable to return to review and sign sworn statement
until 9 a.m., 5/16/62.

3-Bureau
1-Dallas (58-188) (Info)
2-WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, et al
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST
(OO:DL)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies
and for Dallas one copy of a letterhead memo which is
self-explanatory.

Prior to the meeting on 5/14/62 with the
individuals named in the letterhead memo [redacted]
[redacted] Secretary of Agriculture,
advised SAs [redacted] and BERNARD M. MABES that
he was quite concerned that perhaps N. BATTLE HALES would
state that something was missing from the BILLIE SOL ESTES
file in USDA.

[redacted] said that HALES would be permitted to
"go through" the file.

He also pointed out that investigators from the
McClellan Committee had also examined the file.

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- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 4)
1 - Dallas (58-188) (Enc. 1) (Info) (AM)
1 - WFO

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2cc J. [unclear]
Enclosure to Mr. [unclear]
me from J. [unclear]
5/14/62 [unclear]
[unclear]
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Approved: W. J. [unclear]
Special Agent in Charge

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It should be noted that [] indicated that HALES would be permitted to review the file and [] [] also indicated that HALES would be able to review the file. However, when HALES indicated that he would need several days to review the matter it appeared that both [] and [] felt that HALES should be specific as to the particular items he wanted from the file.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
May 14, 1962

BILLIE SOL ESTES, et al
BRIBERY; CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On May 14, 1962, a conference was held at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Attending this meeting were [redacted] State and County Operations, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), USDA, [redacted] State and County Operations, ASCS, USDA, N. Battle Hales, Coordinator, Defense Services Staff, USDA, and Special Agents of the FBI.

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[redacted] ask Mr. Hales if he had anything specific which he desired to bring to the attention of the FBI such as a specific memo or report which he recalled from the Estes case. He indicated that Hales could review the files in the Estes case in the presence of [redacted] and Hales could then abstract information from the files and be interviewed by the FBI.

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Mr. Hales pointed out that he did not have the opportunity to turn over to the FBI everything he desired from the Estes case file. He said that although he had provided the FBI with a seven page statement, he realized after furnishing this statement that there were other things that he had not provided but this was due to the fact that he had been denied access to the files.

He indicated that he desired to make a thorough review of the Estes file so that he would be able to furnish the FBI all necessary information from the Estes case file in an organized manner.

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He specifically pointed out that he could not make just a cursory review of the file.

He also indicated that he felt that whoever had had possession of the Estes file since it had been removed from his custody should provide an affidavit to the effect that nothing had been removed from the file.

[] said that there might be one or two somewhat bulky reports in the Estes file and that he felt that Hales should be specific as to what papers and documents he desired from the file to furnish to the FBI.

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Hales again stated that he felt the entire file should be available to him for study prior to any interview with Special Agents of the FBI.

[] commented that it appeared that Hales desired to take a "shotgun" approach to this matter.

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Hales replied to this by stating that he could not answer a question such as that, that the Estes case was a very complex matter and he specifically desired to have the entire file available to determine if anything had been removed from the file.

When asked by [] what he meant by the entire file Hales replied to the effect that anything which related to Estes was a part of this file.

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[] pointed out that he believed there was information in the file dating back to 1953, that Hales had "lived" with this case for nine or ten years and he therefore did not see the necessity for taking several days to review the entire case.

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Hales indicated that because of the fact that he had at one time had possession of the entire file that there

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could now be no reasonable grounds to refuse him access to the file. He indicated that it was asking too much of him to be specific as to what documents or other material he desired from the file.

[] pointed out that a lengthy review of the file would be unnecessarily tying up several people and taking them away from their normal duties in the USDA.

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Mr. Hales pointed out that he desired someone else with a "different attitude" than [] to sit in on the review of the files with him. He said he was not going to be "harassed" and that he wanted the opportunity to go over the file very carefully and in the proper "atmosphere." [] stated that he would have to go to a higher authority and at this point the meeting was terminated. [] indicated that he would further communicate with the FBI Agents present at this meeting.

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It should be noted that the FBI representatives did not participate in the discussions at this conference.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

GENERAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Date 5-10-62

Attached memorandum shows that Hales, the Department of Agriculture employee who keeps insisting there is proof in Agriculture files of favoritism to Estes.

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ACTION

Copies of the attached memorandum are being sent to the Department.

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Date: 5/11/62

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (58-188) (P)
SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES; ET AL
BRIBERY, COI
(OO: DALLAS)

Re WFO teletype 5/10/62 to Bureau, Dallas and El Paso; report of SA VINCENT H. LAMMERS, 4/24/62, Little Rock; reports of SA MANNING C. CLEMENTS, 4/20/62 and 5/1/62, Dallas.

Records Neiman-Marcus, Dallas, Texas (NM) contain "Delivery stub" from sales ticket number 64417-12 revealing package sent parcel post (uninsured) 10/6/61 to [redacted] Virginia". Sales ticket number 64417-12, dated 10/5/61, prepared in above name and address, contained information as follows:

"Section	Class	Quantity	Article	Price	Amount
352	1	6	Shirts in	\$16.95	\$101.70
352	1	6	Shirts out	16.95	101.70
					\$ 0.00

SIZE
39128"

Close observation of the above sales ticket revealed quantity originally written as "2" and changed to "6", or possibly vice versa.

3-Bureau
2-Little Rock (58-61)
2-Richmond
1-El Paso (29-351)(Info)
2-WFO (87-8242)(Enc. 8)
2-Dallas
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"Returned Goods Record" number 39128, dated 9/28/61, which was cross referenced to above sales ticket, had attached thereto original handwritten letter as follows:

"Sept. 23, 1961
5922 Sea Cliff Rd.
McLean, Va.

Neiman Marcus
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs,

I recently received these shirts from your store, but they are the wrong size. I would like to exchange them for 15-32. If you do not have them in that size, I would like you to send another type of white shirt with a short tab collar in the correct size. If the other shirts are not of the same value you could make it up by sending extra shirts, so there would not have to be any money refunded.

Thank you very much.

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Va."

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Originals of above documents obtained by Dallas and copies enclosed for WFO,

[Redacted] NM, who prepared above sales ticket and "Returned Goods Record", stated "Section 352" indicates shirts were business or dress type (not sport type) shirts and "Class 1" indicates shirts were white in color, instead of being colored shirts ("Class 5"). Advised, however, information as to Class (color) as shown on sales ticket may be inaccurate and that he may have listed only one Class (color) to avoid having to prepare 2 sales tickets (one for white shirts

and one for colored shirts). Stated his best recollection is there were 2 white shirts and 4 colored shirts, or vice versa, which came "in" and the same number were sent "out". [redacted] surmised such circumstances are the reason he originally listed the quantity on the sales ticket as "2" and changed the quantity to "6", or possibly vice versa. [redacted] was of opinion shirts in question were "Sea Island Cotton" with a NM label in the collar.

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Above documents did not contain date or other identifying data as to original purchase of 6 shirts which were returned for exchange late September 1961. It is pointed out, however, above letter states "I recently received these shirts from your store, ." and does not make any reference to a [redacted]

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NM sales slips for month September 1961 presently under review in an effort to determine if any record of purchase of \$16.95 shirts made by a [redacted] Bureau and WFO will be advised promptly of results.

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NM records contain Recordak picture of sales tickets number 63194-14 and number 63194-16 prepared by "Sales No. 108" (RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND), under date 9/9/61, which tickets were charged to accounts of ESTES at NM, one being for shirts and ties in the amount of \$166.97, including tax, and the other for shirts, handkerchiefs and ties in the amount of \$179.92, including tax. Copies of these sales tickets are enclosed for WFO. Also enclosed for WFO are copies of NM "Merchandise Refund" ticket number 1416-28 dated 10/24/61, and related "Returned Merchandise Authorization" of same date covering return of two \$16.95 shirts by "Dr. JAMES RALPH, 5922 Sea Cliff, McLean, Virginia" for total credit (including tax) of \$34.58. NM records contain cash sales ticket number 65869-4 (copy enclosed for WFO) dated 10/24/61, showing "Dr. JAMES RALPH" purchased five \$6.95 shirts, plus tax for a total of \$35.45, and took these five shirts with him. [redacted]

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[redacted] who prepared refund ticket and cash sales ticket referred to above, advised RALPH returned two \$16.95 shirts which were credited against the purchase of five

\$6.95 shirts, with RALPH paying a small difference in cash. [redacted] unable to recall incident except as reflected by NM records. In regards to merchandise covered by NM sales ticket number 63194-14, dated 9/9/61, Little Rock interviewed former NM salesman RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND who advised he left the shirts and ties covered by this sale ticket with NM salesman BOB WATSON, Clothing Department, for disposal. A copy of referenced report of SA VINCENT H. LAMMERS dated 4/24/62 containing complete results of interview with TOWNSEND has been forwarded previously to WFO.

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Also enclosed for WFO is a brochure on Nettleton Shoes which contains a picture of the type of shoes fitted to RALPH at NM on 9/8/61.

NM Alteration tickets number 30784 and 30785, dated 9/9/61 prepared by NM Salesman BOB WATSON on the two size 41 regular "Oxford" suits, one brown in color and one blue in color, fitted to RALPH were again reviewed with WATSON on 5/10/62. WATSON pointed out these tickets contain Xs in appropriate spaces for alterations as follows:

Coat to Blue Suit

1. Shorten sleeves.
2. Shorten collar.
3. Take in sides
4. Take in neckpoints

Pants to Blue Suit

1. Outseam 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
2. Alter seat as marked.

Coat to Brown Suit

1. Shorten sleeves.
2. Take in "left" side.

Pants to Brown Suit

1. Outseam 42 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
2. Alter seat as marked.

WATSON stated he placed Xs in appropriate spaces on alteration tickets as the tailor marked and fitted the suits to RALPH and called out the alterations to be made. WATSON denied being "aggressive" and stated he is unable to understand why RALPH does not recall suits were fitted to him in detail as revealed by alteration tickets.

WATSON again stated he does not specifically recall TOWNSEND leaving merchandise covered by NM sales ticket number 63194-14 with him (WATSON) for disposal; however, such practice is not unusual and it is entirely possible such circumstances were applicable to this particular purchase. WATSON volunteered, since NM records do not indicate merchandise covered by this sale ticket was mailed, that ESTES possibly took merchandise with him when he left store.

For information and assistance of WFO in future investigation concerning \$16.95 shirts RALPH may have received from NM, investigation to date indicates the following chronological sequence of events:

9/8 or 9/61

(See NM sales tickets #63194-14 and 63194-16, dated 9/9/61). RALPH visited NM accompanied by ESTES and WILLIAM E. MORRIS and was fitted with two size 41 regular (oxford) suits and two pair of size 9B calfskin Nettleton shoes. Above sales tickets reveal two purchases of shirts and ties. Merchandise covered by sales ticket #63194-16 sent parcel post to ESTES at Pecos, Texas on 9/9/61; however, no record located as to disposition of merchandise covered by sales ticket #63194-14, indicating merchandise covered by latter ticket may have been taken by customer on leaving store.

9/17-20/61

ESTES registered at Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.

9/23/61

Date of letter addressed to NM, signed [redacted] Va." re
[redacted] 6 shirts returned for exchange.

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9/28/61 Date of "Returned Goods Record" covering six \$16.95 shirts returned through U.S. Mails to NM, Dallas with letter dated 9/23/61 referred to above.

10/5/61 Date of sales ticket #64417-12 prepared on exchange of six \$16.95 shirts referred to above.

10/6/61 Date shirts covered by NM sales ticket #64417-12 were sent by NM via parcel post (uninsured) to [redacted] Va.".

10/24/61 (See "Merchandise Refund" slip #1416-28 and NM cash sales ticket #65869-4, dated 10/24/61), Date: "Dr. James T. Ralph, 5922 Sea Cliff Road, McLean, Va." personally visited NM, Dallas and exchanged two \$16.95 shirts for five \$6.95 shirts, paying small difference in cash.

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The handwritten letter dated 9/23/61, signed [redacted] and NM sales ticket number 64417-12, dated 10/5/61, are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover.

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AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Will recontact RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND, 1307A West Capitol Street, Apt. 5, Little Rock and interview him concerning the color of the \$16.95 shirts as recorded on NM sales tickets number 63194-14 and 63194-16. It is pointed out that "Class 1" as recorded on these sales tickets, would indicate that all the shirts were white in color. NM officials have advised, however, that TOWNSEND made frequent mistakes in preparing sales tickets and was not adverse to listing a quantity of shirts

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as being all of one "Class", when in fact such shirts might be of two "Classes" (some white and some colored), in order to avoid having to make additional entires on the sales ticket.

TOWNSEND should be questioned specifically and in detail as to his recollection of the color of shirts selected by him on these two sales tickets, particularly sales ticket number 63194-14. That is, were the shirts all white in color or were a portion of the shirts white and a portion of the shirts colored? This particular information has become pertinent as result of the allegations of RALPH that he exchanged two colored shirts sent to his father-in-law, [REDACTED] f Dallas, Texas.

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AT MC LEAN, VIRGINIA

Will check records of the U.S. Post Office. McLean for any and all insured packages received by Dr. [REDACTED] JAMES T. RALPH, or [REDACTED] during the months of September and October 1961.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

Will, through Dr. JAMES T. RALPH, or otherwise, make arrangements for interview with RALPH [REDACTED] Virginia concerning the "statement of [REDACTED] produced by RALPH on May 9, 1961 as well as the September 23, 1961 letter set out above, copy of which is enclosed to WFO. Will ascertain if [REDACTED] prepared the 9/23/61 letter and, if not, any knowledge in his possession as to who did prepare such communication.

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Will question [REDACTED] generally as to the receipt and exchange of \$16.95 in shirts and, specifically, as to the

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size of the shirts worn by [] since the 9/23/61 letter requested size "15-32". Also ascertain shirt size of Dr. RALPH,

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If deemed advisable or necessary, will obtain known handwriting specimens from [] in the text of the 9/23/61 letter and submit same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the handwriting in the 9/23/61 original letter referred to herein. Will, UACB, consider interviewing [] of suits, shoes, shirts and ties from NM, Dallas, Texas, reportedly gifts from BILLIE SOL ESTES. If deemed advisable or necessary will obtain known handwriting specimens from [] and submit same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the handwriting in the 9/23/61 letter as set out herein.

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In event the above investigation does not develop identity of person who prepared 9/23/61 letter, will obtain known handwriting specimens of subject RALPH and submit same to FBI Laboratory for comparison with handwriting in such letter.

In event the "statement of [] exhibited by RALPH on May 9, 1961 is handwritten, will consider submitting same to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the handwriting in the 9/23/61 letter.

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Will, UACB, consider interviewing employees, fellow workers and close acquaintances of RALPH since September 10, 1961, in an effort to determine if RALPH has been seen wearing merchandise of the type and description fitted to him at NM, Dallas in September 1961.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka, et al.
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Leads for WFO to contact DR. JAMES T. RALPH, being held in
 abeyance pending receipt of information from RH concerning
check of insured packages at McLean, Virginia, and Little
Rock lead to contact RAYMOND E. TOWNSEND, former Neiman-
Marcus salesman.

RH and Little Rock expedite coverage of leads
set forth in DL airtels.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Little Rock (58-61)
- 2 - Richmond
- 1 - Dallas (58-188) (Info)
- 1 - El Paso (29-351) (Info)
- 2 - WFO

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Date: 5/15/62

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)
(ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (58-188) (P)

RE: BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka. ET AL
BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OO-DL-58-188, EP-58-59
BILLIE SOL ESTES, aka. ET AL
ITSP, MF - CONSPIRACY, OO - EP-29-351, DL 29-1096

Re Burad to all Continental Offices 5/12/62.

Dallas, OO in Bribery-COI case, subjects include Dr. JAMES T. RALPH, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture (currently in training for Agriculture Attache post), EMERY E. JACOBS, Former Deputy Administrator, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; WILLIAM E. MORRIS, Assistant to RALPH, (status currently in suspension), all USDA, Washington, D. C. Investigation to determine extent of gifts, gratuities, etc. to Federal employees which may have influenced action regarding ESTES in re cotton allotments, grain storage, fertilizer sales, etc.

El Paso OO, case includes as subjects, ESTES, HAROLD EUGENE ORR, COLEMAN DELBERT McSPADDEN, RUEL WADE ALEXANDER, all currently under indictment, USDC, El Paso in re interstate transportation of fictitious chattel mortgages on non-existent fertilizer tanks and related aspects.

Copies reports in both cases should be furnished to both Dallas and El Paso with copies for USAS, Fort Worth (Dallas) and El Paso. In view great volume of leads, all offices requested to submit investigative reports with appropriate FD-302's where required. Offices which have previously REC'd by teletype or other communication re check of telephone calls, etc. surep immediately.

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ESTES MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Each Continental Office
- 4 - Dallas (2-58-188)
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Approved: Wick 246
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: May 12, 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General,
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes.

This will confirm the oral request transmitted to Mr. Welte by [] that Dr. Ralph be interviewed specifically concerning his telephone calls to Estes and the use of Estes' credit card and generally on his relationships with Estes.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, PORTLAND /87-NEW/ /DEAD/ 2 PG

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ITSP - BRIBERY.

ON AFTERNOON, MAY TWELVE INSTANT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OREGON, CALLED, STATING HE HAD SEEN NEWSPAPER

ARTICLE RE ESTES AND JERRY HOLLEMAN. HE SAID HE HAD INFORMATION
THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST AND DESIRED AGENT TO CONTACT HIM.

UPON CONTACT BY SPECIAL AGENT THIS OFFICE, IT WAS APPARENT
HE WAS DRUNK. HIS WIFE AROUSED HIM FROM SLEEP AND SUPPLIED
HIM WITH COFFEE DURING INTERVIEW. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOONEY AIRCRAFT, KERRVILLE, TEXAS, WHICH IS
CONTROLLED BY [REDACTED] SUBJECT ESTES.
AT THAT TIME [REDACTED] LOCAL EIGHT NINE
THREE, UAW, AFL DASH CIO, WHICH HAD GRIEVANCES WITH COMPANY.
AT THAT TIME HOLLEMAN WAS TEXAS STATE SECRETARY, AFL DASH CIO.

[REDACTED] SAID HE CALLED HOLLEMAN RE UNION-S GRIEVANCES, AND
HOLLEMAN LATER CAME TO COMPANY TO MEDIATE ON BEHALF OF THE

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UNION. HE STATED HOLLEMAN DID UNION NO GOOD, AND HE,

[REDACTED] FELT THAT HOLLEMAN QUOTE HAD SOLD OUT UNION. END

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QUOTE. [REDACTED] SAID HE QUOTE HATES SOMEONE WHO BETRAYS
LABOR. END QUOTE. HE SAID THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED IN NINETEEN
FIFTY SIX BUT LATER CORRECTED HIMSELF STATING IT HAPPENED
IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE. HE SAID HE WOULD DO ANYTHING HE
COULD TO EFFECT FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF ROSHELL, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. IT WAS OBVIOUS HIS REPORT WAS DIRECTED

AT ROSHELL AND AT MOONEY AIRCRAFT COMPANY, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MOONEY AIRCRAFT IN JUNE NINETEEN

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SIXTY ONE, WHEN HE BECAME DISGUSTED WITH EFFORTS OF UNION
AND MEDIATION BOARD. [REDACTED] SAID HE DID NOT KNOW EITHER
SUBJECTS ESTES OF HOLLEMAN PERSONALLY. [REDACTED] SAID HE KNEW
NOTHING OF THE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING ESTES WHICH APPEARED
IN THE PRESS , HOWEVER, HE SAID CONCERNING HOLLEMAN THAT IF
ANYONE WOULD ACCEPT A BRIBE OR GIFT NOW, HE MAY HAVE DONE IT IN
THE PAST, HAVING REFERENCE TO THE LABOR SITUATION AT MOONEY AIRCRAFT.

NOTHING FURTHER BEING DONE HERE UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242)(P)

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BILLIE SOL ESTES, et al
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ReWFOairtel 5/11/62, page 2 of which noted that an appointment has been made to interview Assistant Secretary of Labor, JERRY R. HOLLEMAN, at 10:00 a.m., on 5/14/62.

On midnight news show, station not noted, 5/12/62, a SA of WFO heard that resignation of JERRY R. HOLLEMAN, Assistant Secretary of Labor, had been accepted by Secretary of Labor ARTHUR GOLDBERG. HOLLEMAN admitted having accepted a \$1,000 payment during January, 1962, from BILLIE SOL ESTES.

The news commentator noted that HOLLEMAN denied performing any favors to obtain this money and that he accepted the money to cover necessary living expenses. HOLLEMAN was identified as the former president of the AFL-CIO in the State of Texas by the news commentator.

Submitted for info. Bureau telephonically advised.

- ③ - Bureau
1 - Dallas (58-188)(Info)
2 - WFO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

FROM: SAC, WFO (87-8242) (P)

BILLIE SOL ESTES; et al
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ReBuairtel 5/10/62, and WFO airtels 5/11 and 12/62.

JERRY R. HOLLEMAN, Assistant Secretary of Labor, telephonically advised on 5/14/62, that the Department of Labor is conducting administrative investigation concerning his association with ESTES and he, therefore, did not deem it advisable to be interviewed by the FBI until the Department of Labor had completed its investigation.

He said he expected this investigation would be completed by 5/17/62.

③ - Bureau
1 - Dallas (58-188) (Info) (AMSD)
1 - WFO
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Rosen *Rosen*

DATE: May 12, 1962

FROM : W. B. Welte *W*SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

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At 1:20 p.m., today I contacted [redacted]
 of the Department and advised that Coy M. Ivy, a Special
 Agent Accountant, was being made available to the Department
 in order to assist in handling of the accounting matters
 relating to the Commercial Solvents Corporation and Estes.
 [redacted] advised that he would inform [redacted]
 of the availability of Ivy and that [redacted] will be in touch
 with us on Monday as to when Ivy's services are needed.

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- 1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. DeLoach

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Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen *[Signature]*

FROM : W. B. Welte *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

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[Signature]
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I spoke with James W. Bookhout, Duty Agent, Dallas Office and instructed him to ascertain immediately for the Departments information whether or not the Robert Clemments, the former owner of the Superior Tank Company, is actually the father of Frank Clemments, former Governor of Tennessee. I pointed out that this information be documented.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	<i>[initials]</i>
Mr. Sullivan	<i>[initials]</i>
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI /29-28704/ AND SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /87-8242/
FROM SAC, SAN FRANCISCO /58-335/ /RUC/ 2 PAGES

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B. J. [initials]
b. [initials]

WFO VIA WASHINGTON

BILLIE SOL ESTES, ET AL, BRIBERY, CONFLICT OF INTEREST. OO
DALLAS.

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU MAY FOURTEEN.

[redacted] CALIF-
ORNIA, [redacted] MODESTO WINERY MAY FIFTEEN
BY SAS [redacted] ADVISED HE FIRST
MET JAMES P. PALPH WHILE RALPH DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE, BUT HAD NO CLOSE CONTACT WITH HIM IN THAT CAPACITY.
HE BECAME WELL ACQUAINTED WITH RALPH THROUGH RALPH-S WORK FOR U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN GRAPE MARKETING FIELD. LAST CONTACT
WITH RALPH WAS A TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM RALPH ON A SUNDAY.
EXACT DATE NOT RECALLED, PRESUMABLY FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., AT WHICH
TIME RALPH ADVISED [redacted] THAT ON THE PRECEDING FRIDAY HE HAD BEEN
ASKED TO QUOTE RESIGN WITH OUT CAUSE UNQUOTE OR GO TO PHILIPPINE
ISLANDS IN SOME CAPACITY. [redacted] RECALLS HE ASKED RALPH IF HE HAD

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TALKED TO QUOTE THE CALIFORNIA DELEGATION UNQUOTE RE THIS MATTER AND RALPH, TO THE BEST OF [] RECOLLECTION, INDICATED THAT HE HAD CONTACTED THIS DELEGATION. [] STATES RALPH IN NO WAY ASKED HIM TO INTERCEDE IN HIS BEHALF RE REQUESTED RESIGNATION. RALPH DID NOT MAKE ANY INQUIRY RE OTHER POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AND [] CAN NOT RECALL EXACT REASON RALPH CALLED HIM. [] ADVISED CALL APPARENTLY OF A PURELY INFORMATIVE NATURE ADVISING [] OF REQUESTED RESIGNATION. AM COPY FURNISHED DALLAS AS OO. RUC.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. BELMONT

DATE: May 15, 1962

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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This is to advise that the Department of Justice intends to secure the income tax returns of 43 individuals, most of whom are connected with the Department of Agriculture. However, one Senator and five Congressmen are also listed.

The Department has forwarded a request that we obtain the addresses of 43 people together with the name of the spouse. This is to enable the Department to request from the Internal Revenue Service copies of the income tax records of these individuals.

Senator Ralph Yarborough (D-Texas), Congressman Jamie Whitten (D-Mississippi), Congressman Ed Edmondson (D-Oklahoma), Congressman J. T. Rutherford (D-Texas), Congressman George H. Mahon (D-Texas), and Congressman H. Carl Andersen (R-Minnesota), are the Senator and Congressmen listed.

ACTION

Instructions will be issued to have the field obtain the necessary information on the Department of Agriculture employees through personnel files and/or records of investigation by the Bureau. The requested information on the Congressmen will be obtained from public source material.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
 1 - Mr. Evans
 1 - Mr. Mohr
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

ST TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: May 14, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

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This is to advise that we are issuing instructions to have Estes contacted to determine if he will give us any information.

Estes was interviewed in connection with his apprehension on March 29, 1962, and was again contacted as a result of instructions of the Bureau on April 17, 1962, to try to interview him about his gifts to U. S. Department of Agriculture officials. He has declined to furnish any pertinent information.

While the press coverage of this matter is admittedly distorted in some respects, there have been indications that Estes may talk if subpoenaed by a Congressional committee.

ACTION:

Instructions are being issued to again contact Estes to see if he will furnish any pertinent information.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

May 15, 1962

Director, FBI

BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to confirm a telephonic request from [redacted] of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to Special Agent Fletcher D. Thompson of this Bureau on May 15, 1962.

[redacted] advised that information had been received indicating that Texas Attorney General Will Wilson planned to file an antitrust suit in Texas against Estes on May 15, 1962. This Bureau was requested to obtain details concerning the filing of this suit together with any pleadings which might be available.

Our Dallas and El Paso Offices have been instructed to obtain this information and you will be promptly advised.

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To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

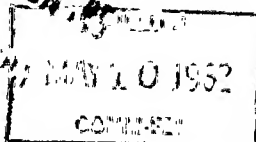
BILLIE SOL ESTES
ITSP - BRIBERY

The Department has requested investigation with regard to an article appearing in the "Washington Daily News," on May 9, 1962, where it appears that Assistant Secretary of Labor Jerry R. Kollman admitted that he had asked Billie Sol Estes to pick up the tab for a Washington dinner given by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg in honor of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 12, 1962.

It is requested that Assistant Secretary of Labor Kollman be interviewed to determine the facts surrounding his disclosure with regard to the dinner above-mentioned and also any other contacts that he has had with Billie Sol Estes and the results, if any, of those contacts.

This investigation should be handled expeditiously by WFO and results submitted in letterhead memorandum to reach the Bureau May 14, 1962.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: 5/10/62

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant
Attorney General, Criminal DivisionSUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property
Bribery

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Malone	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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This will refer to an article appearing in the Washington Daily News, May 9, 1962, where it appears that Assistant Secretary of Labor Jerry R. Holleman admitted that he had asked Billy Sol Estes to pick up the tab for a Washington dinner given by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg in honor of Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson on January 12, 1962.

It is requested that Assistant Secretary of Labor Holleman be interviewed to determine the facts surrounding his disclosure with regard to the dinner above-mentioned and also any other contacts that he has had with Billie Sol Estes and the results, if any, of those contacts.

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The Attorney General

May 17, 1962

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Welte
1 - Mr. Benjamin

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BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

This is to advise you of the developments in our investigation into the removal of [redacted] N. Battle Hales of the United States Department of Agriculture [redacted] District of Columbia General Hospital [redacted]

We have interviewed [redacted] United States Department of Agriculture, who examined [redacted] at the Department of Agriculture on April 25, 1962. He stated she was [redacted]

He contacted [redacted] [redacted] DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GENERAL Hospital. [redacted]

Metropolitan Police Department.

The two Metropolitan Police Department officers who responded [redacted] District of Columbia General Hospital have advised that upon arrival at the United States Department of Agriculture [redacted]

On April 26, 1962, United States District Judge Edward M. Curran [redacted] District of Columbia General Hospital [redacted]

This case was then turned over to the Mental Health Commission [redacted]

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans

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The Attorney General

Fellow employees at the Department of Agriculture
and employees of the apartment where [redacted] resides
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The above information in detail and a copy of the
Mental Health Commission's records have been furnished to
the Department. You will be advised of further developments.

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Herbert J. Miller, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 30, 1962

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: BILLIE SOL ESTES
INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
STOLEN PROPERTY - BRIBERY

Tolson	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
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Evans	✓
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Rosen	✓
Sullivan	✓
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This is with reference to a press release in which an official in the General Counsel's Office of the Department of Agriculture is quoted as saying "that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had asked the Department to continue its inquiry into departmental relations involving Estes." We made no such request.

The facts are that the departmental inquiry within the Department of Agriculture was initiated because there is evidence of possible irregularities in Agriculture dealings with Estes. Under the circumstances it is the Department of Agriculture's responsibility to review its files and refer any violations of Federal criminal law to the Department of Justice. Administrative action resulting from such a review, of course, is handled within their own department.

Since the release was made from the General Counsel's Office, it is presumably based on a letter dated April 16, 1962, sent to the General Counsel, Department of Agriculture by the Department of Justice. This letter points out that Section 311A of Title 5, United States Code, requires that alleged violations of the Federal criminal law by Government officials must be submitted to the Department of Justice promptly for investigation and appropriate action. The letter instructs that information concerning alleged corruption of Government officials be sent to the Department or the FBI as promptly as possible.

The Attorney General is being advised by the attached letter.

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (29-28704)

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ReWFOairtel 5/11/62.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two sets of Photostats of Financial Statements of ESTES, as obtained from files of USDA. One set is for transmittal to the Dept. of Justice. Originals of these statements are contained in files made available by [redacted] General Counsel's Office, USDA, to SA [redacted] on 5/11/62.

Enclosed for the Dallas and El Paso Divisions are one set each of these statements; for Dallas information since that office is office of origin and for El Paso, since they may assist in review as set forth in reWFOairtel.

WFO is continuing review of voluminous files and as pertinent documents are located, same will be copied by Photostat and made available.

The Photostats consist of the following:

Condensed Balance Sheet of BILLIE SOL ESTES as of December 31, 1960.

Statement Showing Assets and Liabilities of BILLIE SOL ESTES as of 10/31/58.

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Statement Showing Assets and Liabilities of
BILLIE SOL ESTES, d/b/a United Elevators as of 6/30/59.

Statement Showing Assets and Liabilities of
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12/31/59.

Financial Statement of BILLIE SOL ESTES, d/b/a/
United Elevators as of 6/30/60.

Financial Statement of BILLIE SOL ESTES, d/b/a/
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Balance Sheet of BILLIE SOL ESTES as of 11/28/58.

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(Note: Balance Sheet of BILLIE SOL ESTES attached to this
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To: SACs, Dallas
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This reference occurred during the testimony of Mr. Frank Cain, of the law firm of Irion, Cain, Cocke and Magee, Dallas counsel for the Pacific Finance Corporation, a creditor of Estes on the anhydrous ammonia tank mortgages. Cain related that he asked Estes about his girl. He there confirmed:

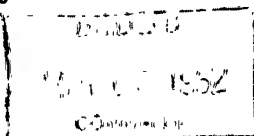
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The Department wants to determine the nature of the relationship between the person referred to as "Celia" and Estes, and also to be advised of whatever information she may have relating to Estes' operations, with special emphasis on the lines of inquiry presently being pursued in this matter.

Dallas and El Paso check newspaper morgues and any other logical sources. Suairtel 5/18/62.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: MAY 15 1962

FROM: *HJM* Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney
General, Criminal DivisionHJM:EJL:maf
29-76-334SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes - Interstate Transportation
of Stolen Property - Bribery.

This will confirm a conversation had on May 9, 1962, between SA Thomas Curran and [redacted] of the Department. At that time Mr. Curran was requested to attempt to locate and interview the person referred to as "Celia" on page 48 of the transcript of the State Court of Inquiry held at Dallas, Texas, April 20, 1962.

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TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: May 14, 1962

FROM : C. R. Davidson *CRD*SUBJECT: JERRY R. HOLLEMAN
FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR

For your information, Jerry R. Holleman, former Assistant Secretary of Labor, who resigned that post last Friday after acknowledging that he had received \$1,000 from Billy Sol Estes, also served as Executive Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Presumably, a new Executive Vice Chairman will be designated. The Vice President is Chairman of the committee and Secretary of Labor Goldberg is Vice Chairman.

RECOMMENDATION:

None, this is for information.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: May 16, 1962

FROM : Herbert J. Miller, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

HJM:EJL
29-76-334

SUBJECT: Billie Sol Estes - Interstate
Transportation of Stolen Property;
Bribery; Conspiracy; Fraud Against
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It is requested that the investigation of the appointment of Billie Sol Estes to the Cotton Advisory Committee therein outlined be expanded to determine the following:

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3. The nature of any recommendations or actions of the Committee while Estes was a member.
4. The history of Estes' appointment to the Committee; the party or parties who sponsored him both within and without the USDA and the reasons for their sponsorship.
5. To determine whether such sponsors, if any, ever had a business or financial relationship with Estes, if so, its nature.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 7708-7709. Senator Williams, (R) Delaware, spoke concerning the Billie Sol Estes case. Mr. Williams comments on the resignation of Mr. N. Battle Hales, a Department of Agriculture official, to an insignificant position in the Department and the [redacted]

[redacted] Mr. Williams stated "Apparently it began when her boss, Mr. N. Battle Hales, an official in the Department of Agriculture, submitted to his superiors an adverse report on the manner in which the Department of Agriculture was dealing with Billie Sol Estes. Suggestions had been made that there were circumstances in the Estes case which warranted its referral to the Department of Justice. Instead, Mr. Hales, on April 18, was intensively questioned by the FBI." He went on to state "I emphasize that in reviewing the case I found no basis whatever for any questions having been raised so far as [redacted] is concerned. - - - If there had been any doubt about the need for a full-scale investigation of the Estes case that doubt is now removed."

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Pages 7721-7724. Senator Allott, (R) Colorado, spoke concerning the Billie Sol Estes case. He stated "Incidents of the past weeks have brought into sharp focus the fact that this administration feels a responsibility to exercise actions, frequently and forcefully referred to as being in the 'national interest.'" Mr. Allott, in referring to the Department of Agriculture's handling of the Estes case, stated "Are the politically inspired policymakers of the Department trying to shuck off responsibility upon career employees who are helpless to defend themselves? - - - The first was a man of more than 27 years' service in the Department of Agriculture. His 'crime' apparently was that he talked with the FBI. Within hours after he had talked with the FBI he found himself locked out of his office and summarily transferred. It was just a happenstance, I suppose, that this man was the custodian of records involved in the Estes case." Mr. Allott also comments on the steel price situation and makes reference to the interview of newsmen at night by FBI.

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TO : The Director

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Pages 7636-7637. Congressman Cannon, (D) Missouri, submitted a memo released by Horace D. Godfrey, Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, on the Billie Sol Estes case. Mr. Godfrey pointed out in the memo that "The Federal Government, not the Texas attorney general, developed and broke the case against Estes. He is under a Federal indictment. Before Estes was arrested by the FBI, an employee reported to us that creditors of Estes were meeting in Texas. Although we had no reason to suspect any irregularities in grain storage operations, we assigned six examiners to work with six examiners of the Agricultural Marketing Service to begin checking CCC grain in Federally licensed warehouses, and we assigned eight examiners to check in State-licensed warehouses. - - - The point is that while big businessmen and farmers of west Texas may lose many millions of dollars, the Department has not lost and will not lose anything." Mr. Godfrey also pointed out that "When the Secretary learned of rumors that Department personnel had received gifts from Estes, he immediately began an investigation. Additional reports on personnel brought equally prompt action. The Secretary also asked the FBI to take charge of investigations and all pertinent information has been turned over to the FBI."

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TO : The Director

DATE: MAY 16, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

BILLIE SOL

Page 7807. Congressman Schwengel, (R) Iowa, stated "since it is apparent that the Agriculture Committee is not disposed to make a thorough and appropriate investigation of the Estes case and related matters, even though many members of that committee desire an investigation, I am introducing a resolution today calling for the establishment of an impartial, bipartisan House committee to investigate the current situation in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, with particular emphasis on the grain storage program." He pointed out that he was urging all members of the House to support this resolution (H. Res. 639).

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